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Steep climb in visitor numbers to hillfort

VISITOR numbers to Oswestry's Iron Age hillfort have more than quadrupled in the last 10 years according to new figures.

Following the installation of a counter system this summer, initial projections have predicted that the annual number of visitors to the hillfort is in the region of 33,000.

Ten years ago the historic site was attracting around 7,500 visitors a year.

Helen Allen of English Heritage said: "We are delighted that, as a result of our partnership with the volunteers at Oswestry Heritage Gateway, even more people are being encouraged to visit Old Oswestry, one of the best-preserved hillforts in Britain. This is a great example of how teamwork can benefit our heritage sites."

Maggie Rowlands, from Chirk Bank, project-managed access improvements costing around £100,000, which were completed in 2008, and she remains active in the hillfort's conservation.

She said: "When we put in new paths, signage and a pavement along the lane we immediately saw visitors coming out to enjoy what had previously been a neglected and overgrown corner of Oswestry.

"Both Oswestry Town Council and the old Oswestry Borough Council were project partners and hoped that it would add to the tourism opportunities in Oswestry and therefore support small businesses in the town."

Members of the Oswestry Heritage Gateway, a group dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the hillfort, said they were not surprised by the hike in the number of visitors.

Tim Malim from the group said: "Old Oswestry is truly unique and amazingly well–preserved, providing an easily accessible insight into Iron Age society."

PARENTS URGED TO USE BABY UNIT

Report by Aimee Jones

PARENTS are being urged to use Oswestry's maternity unit when it reopens fully in January to ensure its long term future is safeguarded.

The Midwife Led Unit (MLU) is temporarily closed for births along with units in Ludlow and Bridgnorth.

Liz Grayston

But health bosses confirmed at a meeting last week the units would reopen fully from January 1. Sarah Jamieson, head of midwifery at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, revealed at a meeting with campaigners that the services will return unaffected.

The units closed in July over concerns about staffing levels at the county's main consultant-led maternity unit at Princess Royal Hospital Telford.

Liz Grayston, a mother-of-four who is leading the Save Oswestry MLU campaign, said it was now vital woman started using the service or they faced losing it again.

"It's awesome news but we have to have an element of reality because the risk is still there," she said.

"They have recruited more midwives but there is still a shortfall and there is still a review going on.

"I just want to encourage as many women as possible to change their booking and deliver in their rural unit. It's important to fill as many beds as possible to put pressure on the situation.

"It's great news so I'm going to take the little victory – but there is still a war to be won."

Mothers who deliver at the consultant-led unit in Telford will also be able to transfer back to their local unit for post-natal care. A review on the future of the Midwife Led Units is currently being carried out.

Race-goers were hoping for the best of duck!

Back, from left, Ani Sutton, Canal & River Trust; first prize winner Dave Williams; third prize winner Chris Shaw and Allan Forrest, from Wrexham Council. Front, second prize winner Faye Evans and her brother Daniel along with Vinnie the Vole. Photo: Jamie Ricketts.

DOZENS of rubber ducks raced across an historic aqueduct near Oswestry to shine a spotlight on a World Heritage Site.

The Canal & River Trust charity hosted its first cross-border duck race over Chirk Aqueduct on Sunday.

The 70ft-high structure, built by Thomas Telford more than 200 years ago, marks the boundary between England and Wales, and is part of the trust's Llangollen Canal 11-mile World Heritage Site.

More than 300 people watched as 100 ducks were waved off from the Welsh side of the aqueduct by trust mascot Vinnie the Vole, before floating 710 feet over the aqueduct to England, with the help of a couple of kayakers.

Organised with Wrexham Council, the event was free but competitors were invited to make donations to the Canal & River Trust, which cares for 2,000 miles of the nation's canals, and Nightingale House Hospice, which provided the ducks. Ani Sutton, Canal & River Trust development manager, said: "This was a fabulous event to showcase Chirk Aqueduct and the wonderful Llangollen Canal World Heritage Site.

"Sometimes overshadowed by its more headline-grabbing neighbour, the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, Chirk is a stunning structure in its own right. It deserves to have a spotlight shone on it and what better way to get everyone out having some fun than to host a duck race."

ENTERTAINMENT

New music festival organisers look to attract top names

ORGANISERS of a new one-day music festival say they are hoping to attract 10,000 revellers in its first year with a line-up of chart-topping bands.

Fieldbounce will take place at The Venue and neighbouring fields at Park Hall near Oswestry on May 5 and Scouting For Girls have already signed up to play at the inaugural event.

Festival director Shawn Melusi said there is more big names set to be announced over the coming months.

"The festival will include chart-topping bands and artists to light up the main stage, while not forgetting our roots with local talent also on show," he said. "We want to create an outstanding line-up of acts that have performed on the biggest stages such as Glastonbury and V Festival. The Stereophonics and Olly Murs have recently played in Wrexham, and Shrewsbury gets some good acts too, but here, right in the middle in Oswestry there isn't really anything."

The first lot of early bird tickets are now on sale for £25 for adults and £20 for under 18s. A limited number of VIP tickets are also available for £65.

For more information visit www.fieldbounce.co.uk

COUNCIL

Inspection findings prompt criticism

MEMBERS of Powys County Council have been scathing in their criticism of bosses after an inspection flagged up serious failings in the council's children's services department.

Inspectors said children had been put at risk because of the failings.

The council confirmed it contacted the police and will be carrying out its own investigation into concerns that performance data in children's services was manipulated.

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Councillor calls for answers into child services failings

Report by Jonny Drury

NO stone should be left unturned in an investigation into how council failings left children at a serious risk of harm.

That was the message from a councillor in the aftermath of the damning report into children's services at Powys County Council, that found evidence of missed opportunities to safeguard children.

The Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales report concluded that a "lack of assessment, intervention and support, together with poor follow up and oversight, has and is placing children at considerable risk".

The council confirmed it contacted the police and will be carrying out its own investigation into concerns that performance data in children's services was manipulated.

During a full council meeting at Llandrindod Wells on Thursday last week, councillors had their say on the matter.

Michael Williams, county councillor for Machynlleth said the report "made him want to cry" and the situation must never ever happen again. He said: "I was appalled to see the report before me about the failings of this county council. I want cast iron assurances from the chief executive that no stone will be left unturned during this investigation and person or persons are called to account, that is what we must do.

"We have failed our young people with a lack of leadership and lack of support for the staff. They have been left on their own and the service has been run on an ad hoc basis."

The council has been served with a warning notice that if action is not taken in 90 days, the Welsh Government could take over the service. Throughout the meeting councillors accused cabinet members of "taking their eye off the ball."

Leader Rosemarie Harries again apologised to parents and children for serious failings, and told councillors that the new cabinet had not been aware of issues in the service.

Farmers turn to eggs to boost business

Mark and Helen Williams from Pen y Derw Farm in Forden near Welshpool with Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies

WITH the uncertainty of Brexit looming and fluctuating lamb and beef prices, farmers are looking at other ways to make their living.

Farm diversification is happening all over the country, and one example of this is at Pen Y Derw farm in Forden, near Welshpool, which is home to Mark and Helen Williams.

The farm has 40 suckler cows and 900 ewes, and made a move to diversify into egg production in June. Planning permission was granted in 2015 for a poultry unit that houses 16,000 free range hens, with the eggs produced being sold to L J Fairburns & Son on the east coast of England.

The unit costs £600,000 to build, however Mr Williams said that due to a host of uncertainties in farming, they found diversification was the way forward to make a stable living.

He said: "Sheep and beef farming is very up and down and volatile market because of things such as TB and export markets.

"We have a lot of challenges thrown at us with sheep and beef farming and a lot of changes in the market with lamb prices.

"With eggs we know what price we will get, and if the price of chicken feed goes up, then the price we receive for eggs goes up."

Ahead of a visit from Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies on Friday, Mr Williams advised other farmers to look at diversifying.

He said: "It might not be in poultry, some farms might be more suited to tourism by having tents and caravans."

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Pioneering treatment wins NHS funds deal

A RARE treatment for a type of arthritis in the knee that has helped more than 400 patients at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital has won approval to be funded by the NHS.

Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation is a technique used to help patients with an articular cartilage defect, something that can impact younger people in their 20s and 30s – sometimes as a result of a sporting injury.

The orthopaedic hospital is the only site in the UK able to offer the treatment.

The procedure sees a sample of cartilage removed from the patient's knee from which their own cells are then grown in a laboratory, a process which takes around three weeks.

ACI clinical trials have been running in several locations over a period of years, but it was only this month that, following extensive appraisal, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) agreed for the procedure to be widely available on the NHS.

The hospital has worked in partnership with Keele University and the Oswestry-based Orthopaedic Institute.

Community order given for assault

A MAN has been made subject to a community order after he admitted an assault charge.

William Mark Windsor, 31, of Mount Street, Welshpool, admitted assaulting Judith Farmer when he appeared at Welshpool Magistrates Court on September 26. On Tuesday last week he appeared before the court to be sentenced and was given a 12-month community order. The order will require Windsor to complete a drug rehabilitation requirement. He was also fined £50, ordered to pay £85 costs and an £85 victim surcharge.

Fresh call to tackle lack of affordable housing

Report by Jonny Drury

MORE affordable housing is needed to ensure young couples and low-earning families can continue living in Powys, a county councillor has claimed.

Lucy Roberts has called on Powys County Council to tackle the lack of such housing in Mid Wales.

The councillor for Llandrinio near Welshpool raised the question during a county council meeting last week. She said: "We know that in Powys earnings are traditionally low.

"We also have a vision of keeping our young people in the county and even attracting more to move in.

"I don't believe this will happen as we don't have suitable housing.

"Many young people still have the ambition of being able to buy their own properties. But certainly within my ward most of the houses that are being built are executive homes well out of their price range.

"Even the so-called 'affordable' houses are way out of the reach of most.

"I am aware of a planning application locally that has gone in as 'affordable'.

"But a detached house with three bedrooms and a double garage will probably go on the market for at least £250,000."

Jonathan Wilkinson, portfolio holder for housing and countryside services, said the council recognised there was a problem.

He said national policies required developments to include affordable housing under section 106 agreements.

But he added they were often challenged by developers.

He also said developers sometimes used the option of offering a home for sale at 69 per cent of the market value, which under the Powys Unitary Development plan was defined as 'affordable'.

Mr Wilkinson said the anomaly would be addressed with the Powys Local Development plan, which is due to be finished next year. He said: "As a council, we recognise that there is a shortage of affordable accommodation across the county and we are working to address this."

Town is preparing to be staggered

Among the zombies are Jacob Cooksley, Hannah Walker, Shannon Evans, Isobel Alefounder and Nia Lewis-Reece

LIKE a scene from a horror movie, zombies will take over Oswestry this Halloween, staggering along the main streets as darkness falls.

Church Street will be crawling with zombies as well as witches, wizards and other creepy characters.

In a bid to move away from the "trick or treat" tradition the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club is staging a zombie parade through the town centre streets on Tuesday. The club has teamed up with the Junior Very Nice Production Company which will be providing entertainment during the evening and adding to the fun.

There will also be a pumpkin carving competition and prizes for the best zombie and best Halloween costume.

Mike Lade from the rotary club said Oswestry's Festival Square would be the focal point for the Halloween fun.

He said: "The invasion will muster around 6pm on Festival Square to crawl, lurch and drag themselves along Church Street to The Cross for about 6.30pm."

There will also be a fire eating display.

Although the evening is free donations would be welcome for Rotary charities.

"We hope this will be an annual fun event for the town," Mr Lade said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rambler group takes on walk

THE Welshpool Ramblers walk on Sunday will be led by Jim Rowley and will be a moderate walk from Dolanog to Pontrobert, returning on the opposite bank of the River Vyrnwy.

There will be an option to take a short cut for those who do not wish to tackle the full nine miles.

All are welcome but no dogs on the walk. Meet at 9.30am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Information Centre (OS grid ref . SJ 225075), from where transport may be available, or at the start of the route in the car park opposite Dolanog Church (OS grid ref. SJ 066128) ready for a 10.15am start.

Valuation day is set to raise cash

A VALUATION day and promise auction is taking place next month to raise money for a village centre.

The event will take place at St Martins Village Centre on November 9, with a valuation day running from 10am to noon.

The valuation event will be followed by a promise auction hosted by auctioneer Jeremy Lamond from Halls in Shrewsbury.

Some of the top prizes for the auction include a stay over at Rowton Castle Hotel and a signed Manchester United pennant signed by four members of the team.

A long list of prizes such as laminate flooring from Kronospan, rounds of golf, and day trips will be auctioned off to raise money for the village centre.

Motorist was over the drinks limit

A MAN has been banned from the roads after driving in Welshpool while under the influence of alcohol.

Peteris Letjagins, 33, of Crew Green, admitted driving along the A483 Welshpool bypass on September 30, while over the drink-driving limit.

On Tuesday last week at Welshpool Magistrates Court, Letjagins was banned from driving for 14 months and fined £250.

He was also ordered to pay costs of £85 and a £30 victim surcharge.

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David Preston

President vows to tackle bullying

THE new, Shropshire-based president of the Society of Local Council Clerks has pledged to focus on bullying within local councils.

David Preston says that he knows of many town clerks, both long serving and new, that have experienced dreadful behaviour. Mr Preston has been involved in local councils for more than 40 years, firstly for Llanyblodwel Parish Council then clerk to Oswestry Town Council.

He was installed as president of his professional society, which has a membership of 5,000, at a conference in Birmingham, winning a standing ovation for his acceptance speech in which he said his theme for the year would be managing and surviving change.

"There has to be a focus on bullying and the total inadequacy of any sanction against breaches of the Code of Conduct," he said. "As president I want to throw my weight behind a campaign to change a system that has seen well respected and long serving clerks and new entrants to the sector, experience some horrible and repeating behaviour. It has gone on too long and just has to change."

Town council's warning about costs of services

Report by Sue Austin

A TOWN council has warned it would have to hold a referendum before taking on major services Shropshire Council can no longer afford.

Oswestry Town Council's clerk David Preston made the comments after discussions with Shropshire Council over the future of services.

It comes as the leader of Shropshire Council Peter Nutting revealed his authority is facing a shortfall in funding of £36 million for the next financial year. Councillor Nutting has said the budget gap means there will be difficult decisions ahead for the authority, and that parish and town councils, especially larger ones, will have to take on some of the work.

Oswestry Town Council already runs a number of services that were once the responsibility of the larger authorities in the area.

Last week Councillor Nutting and deputy leader Councillor Steve Charmley met Oswestry town councillors to look at ways both authorities can work together. Mr Preston, said that it was in talks with Shropshire Council about future delivery of local services.

"Oswestry Town Council already works hard to promote economic growth and tourism and met recently with the leader and deputy to look at shared opportunities for the future," he said.

"The town council always looks to ensure that double taxation is avoided."

"Larger town councils also have in the background the threat of the need for a referendum if substantial extra increases are required to maintain local services," he said.

Affordable home plan welcomed

PLANS to build affordable housing should be welcomed, a councillor has said.

Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing (STaR) held a pre-planning consultation event to explain proposals for three bungalows on land off Fir Grove in Oswestry.

Councillor John Price who represents Oswestry East on Shropshire Council, said the plans should be welcomed, despite concerns about access.

"The allotments and car park near Fir Grove have been earmarked for planning for a period of time now," he said. "Access is a great concern because it's a very tight and narrow turning. But regarding the buildings themselves, they look very nice and tasteful.

"Hopefully it will keep pensioners in the local area and bring some much-needed affordable housing to Oswestry."

Cyclists smash funds target

The Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital team who raised more than £6,500

A TEAM from Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital who took part in a 100-mile bike ride this summer raised more than £6,500.

Five members of the sarcoma tumour team joined thousands of other cyclists from across the country for the Ride London 2017 event.

They had initially aimed to raise £2,000 but tripled that sum, raising £6,513 in total which will go towards the Orthopaedic Institute Oncology Fund, which supports research into sarcomas – rare cancers that develop in the muscle, bone, nerves, cartilage, tendons, blood vessels and the fatty and fibrous tissues.

Caroline Pemberton, clinical nurse specialist, said she and the team were "proud and overjoyed" to have smashed their fundraising target.

As well as Caroline, the team was made up of Ellen Harrison, patient pathway co-ordinator; Gill Cribb, orthopaedic oncological consultant; Geraint Davies, Macmillan specialist physiotherapist; Naomi Winn, radiologist; and Caroline's brother Richard Woods.

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Minister 'sympathetic' to A5 improvements appeal

Report by Sue Austin

TRANSPORT minister Chris Grayling says he is sympathetic to the plight of motorists who use the A5 through Shropshire.

The secretary of state told North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson that a campaign to dual the A5 at Oswestry was top of the agenda when they met to discuss transport issues.

Mr Paterson said the talks with Mr Grayling were very positive. The MP, who has been battling to see the trunk road dualled for several years, is firmly in favour of the Chronicle's sister paper the Shropshire Star's Dual It campaign.

The campaign calls on roads minister John Hayes to include the road from Montford Bridge to the Welsh border in the Road Investment Strategy.

Mr Paterson said: "The talks with the secretary of state were very positive. While he could not give any promises he was very sympathetic to the problems that we have on the A5.

"I told him about both the dangers of the road and also the economic benefits of having a dual carriageway and said that it was imperative that the A5 be including in the Road Investment Strategy. There is no plan on the table at the moment so this is our chance to get the improvements."

Mr Paterson said that the improvements and dualling the trunk road could be done in one of two ways.

"The government could look at dualling it in slices or doing the entire stretch in one go. It is not a large piece of road," he said.

Oswestry Chronicle and Shropshire Star readers can help press the ministers and the government to make the vital improvements to the A5.

The Star has launched a petition that it intends to take to parliament calling for improvements to the 18-mile stretch of the A5. With the exception of the Nesscliffe bypass the road is the only section of single carriageway road between Dover/Folkstone and Holyhead, a key strategic route linking mainland Europe and the UK to Ireland.

The paper now has more than 3,700 signatures on its online petition and more than 200 print signatures.

Find out more at change.org/p/roads-minister-john-hayes-make-the-a5-a-dual-carriageway-between-shrewsbury-and-chirk

Haulage firm supporting road fight

ONE of Shropshire's largest haulage firms is backing a petition calling for the A5 to be dualled near Oswestry.

Pentons offers a chilled warehouse storage and distribution service across the UK with its fleet of 55 lorries and 100 container units travelling thousands of miles on roads of every shape and size each week.

The family run business employs between 160-170 staff, many of whom travel on the A5 to its depot on the Oswestry Industrial Estate just off the bypass.

Bosses Steve and Gary Penton say the A5 is in desperate need of improvements and are backing a petition launched by the Chronicle's sister paper the Shropshire Star calling for the road to be dualled.

They say not only their company but other haulage firms depend on traffic moving steadily for them to make their deliveries on time.

"The queues leading up to and past the Oswestry bypass are a joke," Gary said.

"I feel so sorry for haulage drivers going to and from North Wales who can get stuck in what can be miles of crawling traffic around Oswestry. Most contracts will have a half hour window either side of the delivery time, not much if you come up against the sort of traffic you can have on the A5."

Scores of knives surrendered

Superintendent Jason Wells with some of the weapons handed in during the amnesty

MORE than 250 knives were surrendered at Telford and Shrewsbury police stations during a campaign aiming to make Shropshire's streets safer – and they are about to be handed over to an Oswestry firm which is running an anti-violence campaign.

The four-week knife amnesty launched by West Mercia Police has come to an end and the weapons that were handed in at police stations have been counted.

More than 200 knives were handed in at Telford Police Station and 60 were surrendered at Shrewsbury Police Station.

Superintendent Jason Wells said: "More than 250 knives have been taken off the streets of Shropshire and Telford as part of this campaign. Each of the knives surrendered represents one less chance for another life to be ended or ruined needlessly.

"The impact of knife crime goes beyond just those involved; it affects the whole community. "

The blades will go towards making a plinth for the Knife Angel sculpture at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston near Oswestry.

The 26ft angel sculpture has been made from more than 100,000 knives already collected by police forces around the country.

It is planned to stand the angel in the grounds of the ironwork centre, overlooking the A5.

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There's a crisis in Powys with a report by the Care and Social Services Inspectorate for Wales saying that children were being put at risk by county council failings in the childcare services. The council has just 90 days to prove the situation can be resolved.

The report is without doubt the most damning I have ever read with hardly a paragraph of the 26-page document failing to criticise one or other area of the services for children in Powys. There's criticism on leadership, management and governance arrangements and most importantly questions about the safety of children. Like many of the relatively new members of Powys County Council I was totally disappointed by the report, though not exactly shocked as there were whispers in the corridors of power that all was not well – whispers that clearly should have been dealt with earlier. It's impossible to blame the newly appointed Cabinet which has inherited a massive and costly mess and while fingers are being pointed menacingly at the council's chief executive for not taking stronger action, should he really shoulder responsibility?

He claims to have raised the issues with the former Cabinet Leader and his two deputies. All three of them chose not to seek election to the new council back in May.

But what disappoints me most now that the issue is in the public domain is the amount of political posturing taking place and the call for heads, rather than an acceptance that all must work together to ensure the complete and absolute safety of children in the county. It really is disappointing to see politicians and former councillors jumping on the bandwagon – particularly saying they had known about the situation for some time. Well why didn't they take responsibility and take action themselves? Surely, they had a duty to do just that instead of commenting now and hiding behind the name of a political party.

Like everyone else on Powys County Council I am deeply sorry to find our childcare services in such a mess and will be working hard to ensure things are put right – then will come the time for the repercussions. I am confident that measures are being put in place to rectify the situation and happy that an independent chairman will head an improvement board. But rest assured I will be the first to call for change if the findings of the report prove there has been neglect by either officers or councillors.

The red squirrel is under threat

Predator – the Brazilian Obama Flatworm

The white-clawed crayfish is facing extinction

Brexit can help save our environment – Paterson

Brexit is set to bring environmental benefits says MP Owen Paterson. MARK ANDREWS reports

BREXIT could boost the environment and save millions of pounds which is spent on repairing ecological damage, according to North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson.

Mr Paterson, a former environment secretary, said retaking control of our borders could help prevent invasive species from causing damage to the ecology of the UK.

He told an audience in Washington how tougher border controls could stop species such as exotic grasshoppers, moths, spiders and beetles from damaging ecosystems in the UK.

The MP added that breaking free from EU red tape would enable British farmers to increase efficiency by adopting new technologies.

He said it would also help to protect endangered species.

"We will use taking back control of our borders to better protect our native fauna and flora," Mr Paterson told the right-leaning Competitive Enterprise Institute.

Mr Paterson said damage from invasive species costs the UK an estimated £1.82 billion each year.

"The red squirrel and the white-clawed crayfish face local and perhaps national extinction in Britain as a result of diseases spread by the signal crayfish and the alien grey squirrel, mistakenly introduced from America in the 19th century," he said. "The intransigence of the EU has meant that, while studies have been completed, effective action has been woefully slow.

North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson is a strong supporter of Brexit

"The threat to these native species continues to grow."

He added that the Brazilian Obama Flatworm, which was a predator of land snails and earthworms, was already threatening agriculture in France, and was spreading across Europe.

"There are 18 further invasive flatworm species already in Europe, and the uncontrolled trade in pot plants is rapidly expanding their reach," he said.

He added that another species of flatworm currently in France had been billed as one of the "100 worst invasive alien species in the world" by the conservation charity Buglife.

"Such groups frequently report the arrival of exotic grasshoppers, wasps, beetles, moths and spiders at garden centres and nurseries, many with the potential to cause dramatic damage to native wildlife and agriculture, only to be met with inaction," said Mr Paterson.

"Increases in global trading have increased the risks of plant disease, and the insistence of the EU on free movement has increased the rate of ash dieback, and put some 80 million ash trees in the UK at risk."

Mr Paterson said that Britain's advantage of being an island gave it an enormous advantage in protecting the landscape from invasive species, and that the use of technology would allow the UK to develop a rigorous system that would predict, monitor and control the spread of pests and diseases.

He said Britain's success in tackling invasive species in its overseas territory of South Georgia, in the south Atlantic, was an example of what could be done if nation states were left to devise their own controls.

"Rats, reindeer and various alien plant species have been eliminated, ushering in renewed growth in the numbers of fur seals, elephant seals, king penguins and other indigenous species.

"We can implement a quarantine system with the kind of rigour found in Australia and New Zealand and ensure that the UK becomes a haven for animals, birds, plants and trees for generations to come."

Mr Paterson added that Brexit would also end the practice of fishermen throwing dead fish back into the sea in order to avoid breaching EU quotas.

Under the present system, fishermen are restricted in the number of fish they are allowed to bring ashore, leading to the smaller fish being thrown back into the sea, even though they are usually dead.

Previous reports have claimed that as many as 90 per cent of the fish caught in waters off Scotland and Ireland are thrown back into the water, accounting for waste of 866,000 tons in the North Sea alone.

He said attempts by the EU to stop fishermen from throwing their catches away had been ineffective.

Mr Paterson called for the quota system to be replaced with one that instead restricted the number of days that fishermen could spend at sea, requiring them to keep and record every fish that they caught.

● What do you think about Mr Paterson's views? Email your letters to news@oswestrychronicle.co.uk

WORKING FOR YOU

So much is being written about the process by which the UK is leaving the European Union that it's difficult to know what's actually happening. Or to "see the wood for the trees". Or to "separate the wheat from the chaff". Choose your own phrase. But for me, the process of withdrawal is proceeding much as I would have expected it to – in a most unsatisfactory way.

Let us look back. The decision of the British people to leave the EU on 23rd June 2016 came as a surprise to most, including me.

After much heart searching, I had voted Leave in the referendum, but I always realised that leaving would lead to years of disruption and uncertainty. I've not changed my assessment of what we face. We don't know, but suspect that little or no preparation work had been done in preparation for a Leave vote. Quite rightly, Prime Minister Theresa May has taken the process forward with caution and care – refusing to be rushed. Fortunately a cautious approach is her personal style of government. Mine too.

The main reason why the process of leaving is so difficult for the Prime Minister and David Davis, her Brexit Secretary of State, is that the EU is making it as difficult as possible for the UK to carry out its instruction from the 17.4 million voters of the UK to leave. Those involved in negotiating on behalf of the EU are behaving like haughty bullies. We saw the same attitude towards Greece over recent years, and we see it towards Catalonia at present. The British people will not be so easily bullied. The response of many of my constituents when we discuss this issue is to be more determined to Leave. The sheer arrogance, haughtiness and intransigence has given much more impetus to a 'No Deal' option.

The UK wants a sensible 'deal' which benefits the EU and the UK. I suspect the EU puppet masters are becoming aware that the UK people's attitude is hardening. The UK Government wants a mutually beneficial deal, but more work is now being done on a 'No Deal'. It should be. We should not continue with the childish game of posturing that is a feature of the negotiations so far for much longer. The world outside of the EU is a big place, where there is a lot of potential for trade deals. It's now reaching the time for either constructive negotiation or leaving the table. I've always been one to turn my back on bullies.

Glyn Davies
Montgomeryshire MP

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CAN I STOP EX FROM CHANGING OUR CHILDREN'S NAMES TO HER MAIDEN NAME?

Q: I separated from my wife years ago and earlier this year we finally got divorced. After the divorce she decided to go back to her maiden name. In a way I could understand why she wanted to, but I did say I thought it would be confusing for the children if she had a different name to them. Now she is saying she is going to change the children's names to her maiden name as well. Surely she can't just go ahead and change their names without my agreement? They are my children!

A. All mothers and most fathers have legal rights and responsibilities as a parent. This is known as 'parental responsibility'. If you have parental responsibility for children who don't live with you the parent they do live with still needs to involve you in decisions about them that affect their well-being.

So if you have Parental Responsibility, your ex-wife has no legal right to change your children's names without your consent and you can apply to the Court for a specific issue Order and a Prohibited steps Order to ensure she is known by your name.

If you disagree with the name change the Court would be likely to agree that it is in the best interests of your children to keep the name that is on her birth certificate, i.e. your name. The Court would only consider upholding the name-change if they felt that it was in your children's best interests to do so. Also, the Court would look at the mother's reasons for changing the name in the first place.

Under the current circumstances, if you have tried to talk to your ex-partner and failed to get her to comply with your wishes you should seek advice from a solicitor specialising in family law.

Further information relating to this question is available from Alison Peters, a Partner with GHP Legal. For an appointment visit www.ghplegal.com or contact one of our offices: Oswestry 01691 659194, Chirk 01691 777949, Wrexham 01978 291456, Llangollen 01978 860313. We offer free legal diagnostic clinics (no appointment necessary). In Oswestry, Wednesdays 12noon-3pm for Personal Injury, Employment & Family matters. In Wrexham, Mondays 9.30am-12noon for Employment matters, 12noon – 3pm for Personal Injury & Family matters. GHP Legal is authorised and regulated by the SRA 51566, and Lexcel Accredited.

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Don't turn the clock back on nature

ON seeing the headline, 'Move to re-introduce lynx in Wales', I immediately leapt to the wrong English conclusion and thought to myself surely our Welsh male cousins are fragrant enough already.

But seriously folks, this is a dangerous idea, trying to turn the clock back. It's all well and good people saying there used to be lynx in this island, but we also used to have the Black Death, Enoch Powell, mother-in-law jokes on Saturday TV and Harold Wilson as Prime Minister. The reintroduced lynx are meant to control the excessive amount of deer we have. But deer are a very skittish animal with a fantastic sense of smell and would detect a lynx wearing lynx deodorant from about 14.6 miles away and their hearing is meant to be very good which is why Welsh hunters who belong to a choir can never get near them.

After a few abortive hunts the lynx would think, "blow this for a game of soldiers" and trot off to the nearest field of sheep, chickens or anything else nicely penned up for them.

When millions of years ago these islands were actually joined to the EU by land, there were all sorts of tropical beasts that now reside in Africa swanning about, especially as there was no competition from swans. How far back are we going to go?

PETER STEGGLES
Longnor

Matron led nurses on their Sunday parade

The matron leads nurses from Oswestry and District Hospital in the Oswestry Hospital Sunday parade on October 15, 1972. A service was held at Oswestry Parish Church. We don't have the matron's name, but no doubt former nurses, and some patients, will remember her.

Amazing Knife Angel must be seen in the capital

I VISITED Oswestry Ironworks, or, to give it its proper title The British Ironwork Centre and Shropshire Sculpture Park.

I exited the front passenger seat and was confronted, just yards away, by the Knife Angel, 24ft tall and made from 100,000 thousand knives collected by the British police forces of this country under the slogan "Save a Life – Hand in your Knife". The Angel's initial impact is amazing, astounding and incredible – it is difficult to find an adjective to do it justice.

The Ironworks opened in 2014 with the unveiling of the now famous Spoon Gorilla, a giant silverback gorilla made from 40,000 spoons, a suggestion to carry on with the cutlery theme prompted designer Alfie Bradley to deliver the Knife Angel. The obvious talent of he and the team are displayed a thousand times over on the site.

There can be no justification for London's Lord Mayor to refuse to allow him to be shown in the capital city – the title says it all!

BOB WYDELL
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Former PM still has some fans left

WHILE our former Prime Minister Tony Blair is not exactly my flavour of the month, he still commands a fee of something like £275 per second for speaking at international events – ergo he has his supporters.

If anyone thinks that the present people who are crudely attempting to pull us out of Europe taste better than the flavourless Blair, then maybe they are as delusional as the proponents of those infamous weapons of mass destruction.

KEITH WOOD
Whixall

It is criminal to think we still teach evolution

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So it's about time we stopped insisting that life started by accident and gradually evolved. It is criminal to think that we are still teaching our children evolution. Just take a look at your own body, you are specially designed by the Creator. He has a plan for each of us but most don't want to know because that would be admitting that God is in charge. When someone loves you to bits they want the best for you, well God, the sovereign of the universe loves you like that and wants you to have a great life of purpose and fulfilment.

RON JONES
St Martins

Blair's history means we all should not trust him over Brexit

IN February Tony Blair called for people to 'rise up against Brexit'.

He then founded an organisation dedicated to that aim financed by millions of pounds. He met with Junker the EU Commission president for the second time in late August just as the second round of Brexit talks started.

The results are plain to see. Firstly the 'U-turn' by Labour, they now intend to block the democratic will of the people through parliamentary action. This flies in the face of the lies they told to Labour supporters who voted for them in the General Election.

Secondly we now have a concerted smear campaign against David Davis our lead negotiator. This is orchestrated since we find the same smears used by the EU, the EU-loving BBC, EU quisling MPs and pro-EU press. They intend to stop Brexit.

To return to Blair; he is not to be trusted since this is the man who took our troops into war on a false premise. He presided over the loss of millions of pounds of EU rebate on the promise of a reformed Common Agricultural Policy (which never happened). He is a part of the disastrous policy of regime change in the Middle East.

Let us not forget he opened the floodgates to immigration into the UK with the result our productivity is low, wages stagnated and our health system is on the verge of collapse. Add to this he wanted to take us into the euro, thus abolishing the nation called the UK of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Tony Blair and the dwindling number of Europhiles found in the political elites are determined to undermine this nation and ignore democracy. The way to stop them is to shine a light on their activity.

JOHN STRETTON
Albrighton

Let the rulers get on with it

THE obsolete phoenix has risen from the ashes once again to pronounce his solution to the problem which he and his cronies created in the first place.

You have guessed correctly.

Not Neville Chamberlain but Mr Tony Warmongering Blair of Islington Croneyland who now wants a new immigration control which he should have introduced back in 2004. These Remoaners such as him, Clegg, Major, Clarke, Heseltine and Mandelson will not lie down, accept the democratic decision of the electorate and let the current government proceed as instructed. You are not running the country now therefore let things lie!

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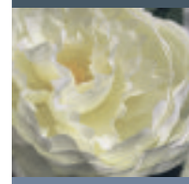

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Thomas Puzzle is 14 years old and still loves long walks

Bertie is a big softie

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We asked for your favourite pet photos and we have been swamped with entries to the competition with the winner picking up a £100 cash prize.

Janice Roberts has sent a photo of her dog Freddie up to no good.

Emma Duerdin from near Church Stretton has sent in a photo of her family pets Pablo, Donny and Henny.

She said: "They give us all so much pleasure, they love being hand fed cucumber and they spend their days worm hunting in the farm yard. Great to watch. Once in a lifetime birds."

Sharon Morris sent in a photo of her dog Bertie.

Emma Daniels from Oswestry sent in a photo of her dog Thomas Puzzle.

She said: "He is 14 years old and still loves long walks out."

Jasmine Harding from Oswestry has entered the competition. She said: "This is Mr Roo and Lucky Loo, they love nothing more than to sit in front of the fire having cuddles."

Kate Staggs from Knighton has sent in a photo of Zeus, an eight-year-old Labrador.

She said: "He loves being out in the garden and soaking up the sun."

Jo Layton from Presteigne sent in a photo of her puppy Bertie.

Kate Shepherd from Craven Arms has sent a photo of 14-year-old working border collie Gwyn.

Donna St John from Gobowen has sent in a photo of Molly the cat and Maddie the Pug. She said: "Maddie snores a lot and rarely does what she is told."

Pablo, Donny and Henny in the farmyard

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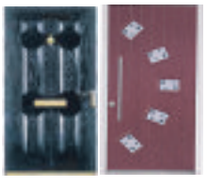

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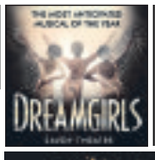

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Sessions will ask for views on future of healthcare

DROP-IN sessions will be held in Oswestry today (Thursday) to allow the public to give their views on the future of healthcare, including Shropshire's minor injury units.

A session will be held at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital from 10am to 12pm and a further session will be held at Oswestry Medical Centre from 1pm to 3pm.

The drop-in sessions are being organised as part of Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group's review into existing community services including minor injury units, diagnostic, assessment and access to rehabilitation and treatment services and community beds.

Health bosses say these services play a significant role in the out of hospital system and the clinical review will assess how the services are being used now, patient outcomes and experiences and what is needed to meet the challenges of an ageing population.

The overall aim of the review is to create fair access and consistent outcomes for local people using these community services.

The CCG is organising these informal drop-in sessions to understand what is working well, what people like about these services, and what could be improved.

Dr Finola Lynch, a local GP and Shropshire CCG's clinical lead for the community services review, said: "Our review is in the early stages and this feedback will help us to improve and strengthen future services."

Oswestry Town Councillor Nikki Hughes urged people to get involved in the sessions and said she would be concerned about any threat to the services for the area.

Concern is voiced over town parking problems

Report by Sue Austin

A FORMER police and fire officer has claimed a town's parking problems are getting out of hand.

Garth Jones said emergency services struggle to get through streets in Oswestry on which cars line both sides.

He also said motorists are parking on blind bends, junctions and on pavements in some places.

Now retired, Mr Jones, 73, from Oswestry, served in two of the 999 services.

"There are places in Oswestry, for example, College Road, where vehicles are parked on both sides leaving very little room to get through. It must hinder fire engines even though they have blue lights," he said.

Mr Jones said some of the biggest problems are on Whittington Road, close to the railway bridge, at Unicorn Road junction, and on the town's Welsh Walls road.

Shropshire Councillor Paul Milner said he had contacted highways officer as a matter of urgency to find out progress on a number of requests from the town council for schemes to stop bad parking in Oswestry.

"I am pleased to say that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for the introduction of double yellow lines on both sides of Morda Road, on Welsh Walls and on Jennings Road, have been approved for implementation and arrangements are being made with our contractor for the double yellow lines to be put down," he said.

He said the Shropshire Council highways department would also contact West Mercia Police about the problems of cars parking on pavements.

Teams iron out some creative ideas

The creative teams from the centre and the theatre get together

THE British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry is teaming up with Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury for a new arts project which will see money being raised for a good cause.

Creative teams from the theatre and the centre, based at Aston near Oswestry, have got together to explore ideas on how they could work together in the future.

Clive Knowles from the centre said: "Creative teams got together to explore ideas on how to create funds for Hope House Children's Hospice and add drama to areas within the theatre."

Mr Knowles added: "In true theatrical style, the theatre want to install a wishing well, dedicated to Hope House.

"The well will be positioned to greet families arriving for their hit Christmas production, Snow White, which is why everyone was holding a rosy apple at the meeting.

"Other effects and props were discussed including seven foot statues of jazz band players."

Among those discussing the plans at the meeting were Ben Knowles, Beki Poole, Olivia Hewing, Marian Crosland, Grant Wilson, Sophia Knowles and David Jacks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Caring Laura raises £1,300

A NINE-year-old girl raised more than £1,300 for charity during a memory walk.

Laura Owen, from Kinnerley, near Oswestry, took part in the three-mile Alzheimer's Memory Walk at Attingham Park.

She tackled the walk along with her brother, Hayden, and her mother, Helen.

In the time since, she has raised more than £1,300.

Laura is very passionate about raising money for dementia because her nan has the disease.

The youngster said: "I'll keep raising money for charity until they find a cure."

It follows her raising £170 at her school, Kinnerley C of E, through a dementia cupcake sale.

Book is focusing on dyke's trees

A SHROPSHIRE tree hunter has collaborated with a famous artist to create a book which focuses on Offa's Dyke.

Rob McBride, from Ellesmere, has teamed up with Dan Llywelyn Hall to make a limited edition book featuring Offa's Dyke's most significant trees.

The artist rose to fame in 2013 after he was commissioned to paint the 133rd portrait on the Queen.

His latest project has been painting 20 of the area's most significant trees, including the famous oak at Buttington near Welshpool which recently split in two in the bad weather.

Each picture will be accompanied by a complete chronicle written by Mr McBride, who has studied the trees on the ancient dyke over the last nine years.

Mr Hall will be back in Shropshire and Powys later this year for a live painting session on Offa's Dyke.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Public order offence fine

A MAN has been fined after admitting a public order offence.

Damien Mariusz Kulpinski, 25, of Severn Street, Welshpool, appeared at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday last week. He admitted a public order offence dating from July 10.

He was fined £66, and ordered to pay £85 costs and a £30 victim surcharge.

The offence put Kulpinski in breach of a conditional discharge for theft of £18 worth of underwear and shoes in Telford. He admitted the breach, the conditional discharge was revoked and he was fined £100.

Safety training for taxi drivers

TAXI drivers in Powys are being offered free training to help protect vulnerable people, the county council has announced.

Training sessions will be delivered across the county in a bid to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation and well as all other aspects of safeguarding.

In a joint initiative between Powys County Council's licensing and safeguarding teams and Dyfed Powys Police, drivers will learn how to spot signs that vulnerable people may be at risk, know how to report their concerns and who to contact.

The training sessions will last about an hour. A session will take place on November 7 at 10.30am at Neuadd Maldwyn, Welshpool.

Call (01597) 827389 for more details.

Children learn about benefits of fair trade

Report by Aimee Jones

A SCHOOL has learned about the impact its new Fairtrade uniforms are having on farmers across the world.

Koolskools, an ethical school uniform supplier, asked Fairtrade to speak to the pupils from Welshpool Church in Wales Primary School and explain where their clothes were made.

A number of schools in Wales have made the switch to Fairtrade uniforms and were invited to the conference in St Asaph recently.

Aileen Burmeister, programme manager at Fair Trade Wales, said: "This visit provides a wonderful opportunity for young people in Wales to learn about where and how cotton is grown, the effort that goes into making school uniforms and understanding that what we buy has an impact on other communities across the world."

Pupils also heard from Viswaraj Maghoo, the managing director of a Fairtrade licensed factory in Mauritius, who spoke about the lives of farmers in his country.

He said: "The factory provides vital employment and training for underprivileged people in Mauritius."

Justine Baldwin, headteacher at the school, said: "We are really proud to have taken the opportunity to choose more ethical uniforms. It was easy to change our supplier and we have used this process to help the children understand the difference that this ethical choice will make on a global level."

Pupils from Welshpool Church in Wales Primary with Viswaraj Maghoo who runs a Fairtrade factory

Confidence in property market 'on the increase'

HOUSE prices in Mid Wales increased in August along with buyer interest, according to one of the region's estate agents.

Andrew Turner, a partner at Morris, Marshall and Poole, said: "Buyer confidence is strong which means there is a strong market out there for people looking to sell in Mid Wales, as well as across the border in Shropshire where demand is also high.

"There are also signs of a continued rise over the next three months.

"Our property teams in Powys, Ceredigion, Gwynedd and Shropshire have all reported increasing enquiries from people looking to move and while the number of properties coming on to the market is up, there's not necessarily as many houses available and so it's a good time for anyone thinking of selling."

The RICS figures are based on responses from estate agents and chartered surveyors throughout Wales.

The headline figure for Wales as a whole showed an increase of 26 per cent on the last survey, which means 26 per cent more surveyors said house prices rose in the past three months than those who said it had fallen.

When it came to new instructions to sell, the figure was up at 31 per cent, which suggests an increase in the number of new properties coming on to the market, according to the RICS.

Mr Turner added: "Demand is outstripping supply to a certain extent.

"But that shouldn't deter people looking for a new home.

"Basically, it's a good time for buyers and sellers."

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Rotary club members help out victims

ROTARIANS have raised hundreds of pounds for a ShelterBox to help victims of natural disasters.

Members of the Oswestry Cambrian Club have collected £440 towards the purchase of the survival box which contains a tent for up to 10 people, a wood burning stove, cooking utensils, plates, a water purification system, waterproof blankets and more.

These boxes are stockpiled around the world ready to dispatch to countries which have suffered from natural and also man-made disasters. The recent run of disasters has seen a drastic reduction in ShelterBox stocks with the floods in Asia, hurricanes across the Caribbean and the earthquake in Mexico.

Boxes cost £630 each and the green box itself doubles up as a cot for babies. For more information on the club or to donate to the ShelterBox appeal contact Mike Lade on (01691) 650854 or oswestrycambrianrc@btinternet.com

Town will be in a purple patch

THOUSANDS of crocus bulbs are being planted to celebrate the success of an eradicate polio campaign.

Oswestry Rotary Club and Borderland Rotary Club have joined forces to plant the builds in and around the town.

The two clubs are strong supporters of the International Rotary Foundation's involvement in the project.

Geoff Barre, spokesman for the project in Oswestry, said: "With polio on the verge of being eradicated worldwide, the effort to treat the last few areas where it is endemic will take a proportionally greater effort.

"When the children receive their vaccine by drops from a pipette, they have a finger dipped in purple dye. That is the reason why the purple crocus has been adopted as the international symbol of the aim to eradicate polio." As well as helping to fundraise, the Oswestry and Borderland Rotary clubs are preparing for World Polio Day next February by planting thousand of crocus bulbs. They will be seen around the town welcome signs, in the parks, along footpaths and entrances to car parks.

Oswestry Rotary Club's Justin Soper and Borderland's Sherie Soper busy planting some of the bulbs

NEWS IN BRIEF

Councillor will be holding surgery

SHROPHIRE and Oswestry councillor Paul Milner is holding his regular ward surgery this weekend.

Councillor Milner, who serves on Shropshire Council as well as Oswestry Town Council, is inviting resident of Oswestry South and Morda with Sweeney to come to the surgery with any issues. The surgery will be held in Oswestry Library on Saturday from 11am to noon.

Bus firm workers in awards hope

ARRIVA staff in Shropshire are celebrating after the bus company scooped three finalist nominations in the prestigious UK Bus Awards.

Among the finalists is Shrewsbury and Oswestry engineering manager Peter Graybrook.

Mr Graybrook has been shortlisted in the Engineer of the Year category in the awards.

Violins made in honour of poets

Report by David Banner

A VIOLIN maker has crafted three instruments from a tree in the grounds of a shell-shock treatment hospital in honour of three renowned First World War poets.

Steve Burnett used a branch from a sycamore tree at Craiglockhart military war hospital, where Oswestry-born Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon were treated, to make the instruments.

He also recently completed a violin in honour of poet Robert Graves, who met Owen and Sassoon in Edinburgh.

The three violins were played together for the first time at Baberton Golf Club in Edinburgh as a plaque was unveiled to mark 100 years since the three poets met there. Mr Burnett hopes the instruments will serve as envoys for peace and reconciliation through the power of music

He said: "I hope that as time goes on the voices of these violins through the messages of these poets will be a beacon of hope.

"The violins will be there to spread the word of hope and peace and harmony."

Mr Burnett has long admired Wilfred Owen and made the first violin in 2014 to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.

He has collaborated with Edinburgh-based Scottish violinist/composer Thoren Ferguson, who has played the Wilfred Owen violin to thousands of people around the country, both in First World War commemoration events and on national radio.

The instrument has also been endorsed as an envoy for peace by Unicef goodwill ambassador, the violinist/conductor Maxim Vengerov and has been played by violinist Nigel Kennedy.

Siegfried Sassoon was sent to Craiglockhart Hospital, now Napier University, in 1917, arriving in the summer of that year.

Owen was also being treated there and introduced himself to Sassoon around August 20, 1917.

Mr Burnett began work on the Siegfried Sassoon violin earlier this year, using wood from the same branch, to mark the centenary of the first meeting between the two poets that August.

In April 2017, research by Aberdeen University lecturer Neil McLennan revealed that Owen and Sassoon met with fellow poet Robert Graves at Baberton Golf Club in October 1917.

When he heard about this, Mr Burnett decided to make a third instrument, the Robert Graves violin, to mark 100 years since that meeting.

He said: "The three had a direct link and I realised there must be another violin to come out of the tree if the three were poets together. It was probably one of the most important meetings of 20th century literature."

Steve Burnett, Neil McLennan and Thoren Ferguson with the instruments

Seasonal fun at garden centre

COVERED in all the glowing colours of autumn, the Derwen Garden Centre near Guilsfield is ready for some Halloween fun.

Its beds are stocked with glowing scarlets and yellows and shrubs and trees have turned golden and russet but the brightest colour of all comes from the orange pumpkins that dominate the garden centre's themed gardens.

Children can follow the pumpkin trail through its gorgeous gardens until November 5.

From the Oriental garden with its cloud-pruned trees and moon bridge to the Italian garden and its columns and fountain the pumpkin trail leads around and through the mysterious Celtic garden and colourful tropical garden, winding past the wildlife garden and visiting the seaside before coming to a garden that is strictly fun.

The Gothic garden is made for Halloween and all 11 gardens are tricked out to give not just the children but adults a treat too. On Saturday and Sunday this weekend and on Halloween itself on Tuesday, a scary witch and her black cat may be found lurking in the gardens or creeping through the maze to surprise and thrill anyone who ventures there. The Derwen's shop is stocked with every type of Halloween decoration for your very own party and after all that, you can sit down in its delightful restaurant for a sumptuous meal or delicious, home-made cakes.

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Law firm is delighted with legal guide success

Report by Aimee Jones

A LAW firm in Oswestry is celebrating after more than doubling the number of its solicitors included in a respected national guide.

In the 2017 edition of the Legal 500 guide, Lanyon Bowdler now has 38 solicitors recommended across 14 practice areas and six offices.

Managers at Lanyon Bowdler, which has offices in Church Street, Oswestry, say they are absolutely delighted to have five 'next generation' lawyers recognised in five different practice areas, recognising its commitment to developing young talent and providing a breadth of specialist expertise not widely available locally.

The firm's five 'next generation lawyers' are criminal law specialist Stephen Scully, corporate and commercial solicitor Edward Burrell, contentious probate specialist Claire Vale, Louise Howard of the personal injury team, and Court of Protection specialist Neil Davies.

Head of the personal injury department Neil Lorimer was recognised as a leading individual for his specialist personal injury work including for those suffering from acquired brain injuries.

The firm was also highlighted in the regional coverage for Wales, with Emma Wilde and Brian Evans both recommended for work with clients in Mid Wales.

Emma was also included as a recommended solicitor for commercial property work in Oswestry.

Survey shows county's best performers

THE 50 fastest-growing businesses in Shropshire raked in sales of more than £1.6 billion in the last year, a major new report into the county's economy showed.

Accountancy giant BDO has compiled a Growth Barometer for Shropshire, a study which tracks the growth of the leading performers in the county. It shows that the fastest-growing company in Shropshire, based on three years' turnover figures, is Telford toy distributor Golden Bear, whose figures have grown by 139.99 per cent to leave it with turnover of more than £19 million.

The figures show the diversity in the Shropshire economy. While the largest number of individual businesses in the top 50 are manufacturers, of which 11 are in the top 50, food and drink, construction and civil engineering, technology and media and social care are all represented.

The figures are not a comprehensive who's-who of the county's biggest businesses, because some major employers are already huge entities and their growth is more steady than skyrocketing.

Firms with Oswestry links feature among the fastest growing businesses.

They include J-Ross Developments Limited; Skyjack UK Limited and JP Arthur & Sons Limited.

Tax relief available

MORE than 1,000 small businesses can now apply for a share of a multi-million pound rate relief fund.

Shropshire Council and Shropshire Business Board are urging eligible local firms to apply for the discretionary relief scheme. The council has been awarded just over £2.2m to give to businesses over four years.

Search is on for more properties

Town and Country Property Auctions has gone from strength to strength

A PROPERTY firm is looking for more properties to auction.

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Richard Ellis, director of Town and Country Property Services, Oswestry, heads the auction team and is keen to secure some more auction properties for its busy Shropshire and Mid Wales division of the auction house.

Richard Ellis said: "We are looking for properties, land, renovations, commercial and industrial opportunities in areas such as Oswestry and surrounding areas, Shrewsbury, Telford, West Midlands, Welshpool, Newtown and Mid Wales.

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Contact the team on (01691) 679631 for more information.

Council agrees £21 million deal with Kier

A CONTRACT worth up to £21 million a year for work on the county's roads has been agreed by Shropshire Council.

The seven-year contract, with the option for three incremental one-year extensions, has been won by one of the UK's largest construction firms, Kier.

It comes after a lengthy procurement process where the council has looked for a firm to replace Ringway.

Kier will be responsible for road maintenance, road projects and schemes, street lighting, environmental maintenance, flooding and drainage, winter maintenance and extreme weather provision.

The company's responsibilities will include maintenance of bridges and structures, emergency responses, vehicle maintenance, and more.

Steve Davenport, Shropshire Council's cabinet member for highways and transport said the firm would begin work from April next year.

He said: "We are pleased to award our highways and term services contract to Kier following a lengthy and detailed procurement process.

"Our highways and transport team have been working hard for over a year to ensure that the procurement process and the development of the overall contract for these key services was carried out thoroughly and effectively.

"We're confident we have found the best contractor for this work and we look forward to working with them to deliver the best possible highways maintenance services for the people of Shropshire. There are some mobilisation matters to finalise over the forthcoming months and we will be working jointly with Kier to finalise all the necessary details before they start work in April."

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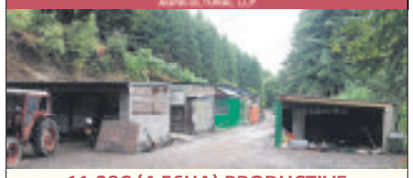

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Talks to start on £18m electricity upgrade

Report by James Pugh

A FORMAL consultation on the next stage of the £18 million scheme to increase electricity capacity across North Shropshire will begin next month.

Scottish Power Energy Networks, which is behind the work, said it will allow communities and stakeholders to view the proposed project design and provide feedback.

The upgrade will benefit Oswestry, Wem and Whitchurch as well as surrounding villages.

It will include a new 132,000-volt overhead power line built between Oswestry and Wem.

The line will run between Oswestry substation, located at the A5/A495 roundabout, and the Wem substation, in Ellesmere Road, on the western side of the town.

It is hoped construction on the new line will start by 2020 and take about 12 months to complete.

The consultation phase will be followed by a formal application in 2018 for government consent for the route.

Paul Ferguson, a spokesman for SP Energy Networks, said: "Our last project newsletter was in May and since then we have been concluding our environmental assessment work, continuing discussions with affected landowners and reviewing any feedback received.

"We remain on programme to commence the next major milestone in the project which is our formal consultation this November, where we will invite local communities and stakeholders to view our proposed project design and provide feedback."

He added: "The consultation will include local events and should continue unti February."

Enjoying fruits of labour

Angharad Davies, Sarah Turner and Lowri Davies hard at work

THE apple harvest is providing a wealth of work experience for students.

Derwen College at Gobowen, near Oswestry, puts emphasis on giving its students skills for life in the workplace – and its orchards are providing rich pickings.

Students specialising in horticulture have been tending the apples all year and are now busy picking the bumper crop.

The fruit then goes to the food centre where staff and students turn it into delicious treats, including apple pies and cakes, as well as Derwen College's award-winning spiced apple chutney. Last year the chutney won a national Great Taste Award.

Commercial feature

Sixth form's budding leaders inspired by hockey champ Kate

Sixth form students from Shrewsbury High School were put through their paces by leaders from all walks of life at an "Apprentice"-style leadership event, designed to help this new generation of change-makers prepare for the challenges ahead.

Team GB Olympic hockey gold medal winner and former team captain Kate Richardson-Walsh was among those on hand to inspire students taking part in the annual GDST Young Leaders' Conference 2017 which aims to give students experience of real-life situations.

Along with other leadership role models, Kate spoke with students and offered her top tips on leading successful teams. British Army officers then led a series of team-building exercises before students were split into groups and given less than 36 hours to create a digital fundraising and awareness campaign for one of four charities. In previous years, ideas proposed by students have inspired award-winning charity initiatives.

Speaking at the conference, Kate Richardson-Walsh said: "For me, leadership is all about creating teams where all individuals are given the chance to shine and achieve their best. I am delighted to be here amongst the next generation of young leaders. It's been so inspiring to see their passion and drive.

They all showed so much energy and I am excited to see what these students will bring to their respective fields. From the hockey pitch to the business field, I know our future is in safe hands."

Shrewsbury High School's Sixth Form leadership team at the conference

Cheryl Giovannoni, CEO of the GDST, said: "Effective leadership simply comes down to getting the best out of people so that, together, we can drive positive change. At the Girls' Day School Trust, we are committed to inspiring the next generation of leaders. We need to broaden our view of leadership, to embrace a whole host of skills and qualities that are sometimes undervalued, like communication, collaboration, effective delegation, creativity, and empathy."

Shrewsbury High School's sixth form information evening will take place on Wednesday November 1 at 7pm.

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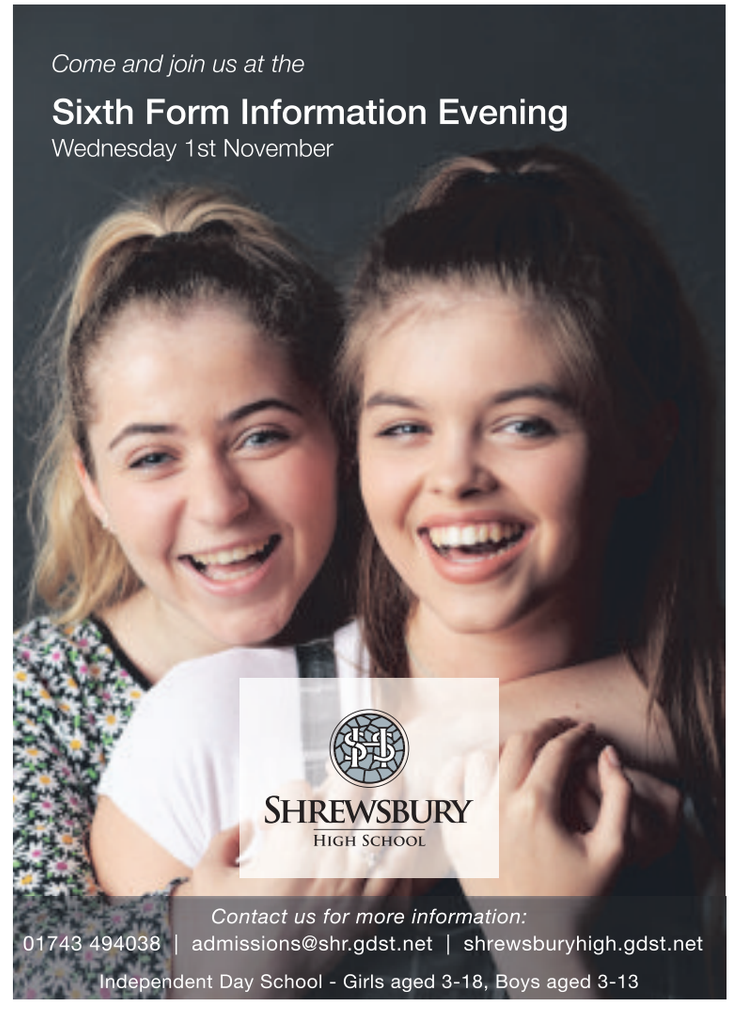

Lovely town has fascinating history

Commercial feature

The picturesque town of Newtown is a great place to visit and to shop.

Lying on the River Severn, within the historic boundaries of Montgomeryshire, the town, the largest in Powys, has a fascinating history and over the years has been transformed into a centre for retail with a mixture of national chains and local independent traders.

The town has a proud history and is best known as the birthplace of social reformer Robert Owen in 1771.

He returned to the town shortly before his death in 1858.

Owen's ideas have had worldwide influence and became the cornerstone of the international co-operative movement.

There is a museum dedicated to Owen's memory in the town centre.

Founded as a market town at the end of the 13th century, with a market in operation since Medieval times, Newtown grew strongly with the expansion of the woollen industry in the early 19th century.

It was an international hub for the flannel industry.

Newtown is also famous for the birth of the mail order retail business which local entrepreneur Pryce Jones started in the mid nineteenth century by despatching goods to Britain and Europe from Newtown.

His Royal Welsh Warehouse still dominates the townscape.

Amongst his customers were Queen Victoria and Florence Nightingale.

It is believed that the parcel post in Britain was started as a result of a suggestion made by Pryce Jones to the Postmaster General.

The town's connection with the textile industry was revived in the 20th century when businesswoman Laura Ashley established her home furnishing and clothing company in the area.

The picturesque town of Newtown sits in the glorious Mid Wales countryside

Newtown has a fascinating history and played a key role in commerce

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Newtown has hosted major sporting events over the years which have drawn in huge crowds

Lots to see and do

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There is plenty of things to see and do in the busy and vibrant town of Newtown.

Newtown is home to the Textile Museum, the Oriel Davies Gallery and entertainment venue Hafren.

The town also has sports facilities and an attractive town centre.

In addition to its many attractions, Newtown provides the ideal base to explore the surrounding countryside. There are nature reserves, canal paths, the Severn Way and nearby, Gregynog Hall and Gardens. With a great selection of national chains and independent traders, Newtown offers shopping and services for to meet all your needs. Newtown has a fine sporting history and its local football club is well supported throughout the area. The town has also seen many other sporting events including the arrival of the Tour of Britain cycle race.

Newtown is also a perfect place for a day or evening out. One of its biggest attractions is Hafren, the town's entertainment venue.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Referendum on health services

A REFERENDUM on the future of health care services in Shropshire will take place in Welshpool today (Thursday).

Welshpool Town Council has organised the vote to ask residents where they would prefer Shropshire's only emergency department to be sited.

Around £1,000 has been spent organising the poll, in which voters will say whether they want a single A&E unit to be based in Shrewsbury or Telford.

It comes as Shropshire health bosses are currently deciding which emergency department to close in a bid to save money and reorganise the service.

Residents can place their vote between 7am and 10pm in Welshpool Town Hall.

Record amount of waste is recycled

HOUSEHOLDERS across Shropshire are recycling more rubbish than ever, statistics show.

The amount of recycling has risen to 53.65 per cent, latest figures from council bosses show.

It means an increase of 2,000 tons on the amount recycled.

It comes after Shropshire Council started collections of cardboard waste again last year.

Councillor Rob Macey, portfolio holder for planning and regulatory services, told a recent Shropshire Council meetingthat there had also been a decrease in the amount of waste going to landfill.

He said: "The increase is in part due to the reintroduction of cardboard recycling.

"That has led to 2,000 more tons of recycling as well as 800 more tons of plastic and glass."

Sewer problem led to roadworks taking place

Report by Jonny Drury

THE reason motorists faced long waits getting in and out of Oswestry two weeks has been revealed.

Temporary traffic lights were put in place near to fixed lights on Gobowen Road to allow Severn Trent to dig up part of the road and carry out works on a sewer pipe.

Motorists were left angry by the gridlock caused, however the works brought an end to a four-month battle for Rachel Howell and her family. Raw sewage had been filling up the manhole covers around her home and running on to her property.

Miss Howell said: "The issues have been going on for four months with manholes being full to the brim, and spilling over onto our property.

"There was a permit last month for work to happen but nothing happened.

"For the last month they have had to come out every 12 hours to remove drain covers and rod the drains to remove blockages.

"In July when it happened and we had hot weather, the smell from the drains and in our house was just horrible.

"The main sewer pipe goes under Gobowen Road and I think if it had gone on any longer it would have affected the whole of Gobowen Road."

Severn Trent spokesperson said: "We're really sorry for the problems that have been caused in Gobowen Road. We had a team of engineers on site who identified an issue with the sewer pipe that was causing the problem.

"This section's been replaced and everything is now back to normal."

Famous screen actress Rosemary dies

Oswestry-educated actress Rosemary Leach was a familiar face on TV and film

STAGE and screen actress Rosemary Leach, who was educated in Whittington and Oswestry, has died after a short illness, her agent has confirmed.

Leach, who was born in Much Wenlock, was best known for the films A Room With A View and That'll Be The Day.

She also played Grace in episodes of the sitcom My Family.

Her agent Caroline de Wolfe said in a statement: "It is with great sadness I must report the news that Rosemary Leach died in hospital on Saturday, October 21, after a short illness."

Leach, thought to be 81, was the second daughter of teachers, Sidney and Mary. Her father was headteacher as well as organist and choirmaster at the village school in Diddlebury, near Ludlow. Rosemary was educated at Whittington Primary School.

After training at Rada she won an Olivier Award for her performance in the play 84 Charing Cross Road.

She was twice nominated for a supporting actress Bafta for her roles in A Room With A View and That'll Be The Day.

More recently she made appearances in Midsomer Murders, Holby City, Heartbeat and Doctors.

Farmers look to diversify to safeguard their future

CATTLE farms in Mid Wales are planning to build chicken rearing units as part of a diversification project.

Richard Corbett, partner and planning consultant at Roger Parry and Partners, said cattle farmers are making the decision to diversify in response to Brexit.

Penllwyn farm in Llanfyllin, Tredrwen Hall in Llanymynech, Pikins farm in Newtown, Gorn farm in Llanidloes and Neuadd Fach in Rhayader are applying to Powys County Council for planning permission.

If successful it would mean around 150,000 chickens bred for free range eggs in the area.

Mr Corbett said: "Over the last five years there has been more and more farmers diversifying in this way – it's a reaction to Brexit.

"Welsh hill farmers are worried about the price of sheep and beef so are making the decision to diversify their farms."

Llanfyllin Town Council recently heard about the plans for Penllwyn farm which is run by Francis Partners.

The pre-consultation plans by Roger Parry and Partners said: "As a family, Francis Partners have concerns about the future of the beef and sheep farming industry as well as government subsidies.

"The diversification into rearing pullets will help to ensure that the farm remains a viable family unit.

"The proposed diversification at Penllwyn is to ensure that there is a viable farming business operating in order to support three generations of the family.

"Farm businesses need to change and grow in response to market forces and legislation if they are to survive."

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PROPERTY

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Four bedroomed property features traditional outlook

Featuring contemporary semi-open plan living space, this four-bedroomed new build home on the Tedsmore Grange development on the edge of West Felton is in its flagship design.

The development is being marketed via Balfours estate agents, with the Eardiston design for sale at £439,950.

A traditional outlook is among the merits of the newly built detached house created by Dennis Edwards Homes.

This brand new property is one of the scheme options within 35 stylish residential new builds situated in a parkland landscape.

Marketed by Balfours, head of sales, Alistair Hilton, said: "The Eardiston is a truly 21st century design with a wonderful open plan kitchen, living dining area. The reception hall provides access to each of the main living rooms, including study, lounge and open plan living space. Beyond the lounge is a garden room and both the garden room and the dining area have French doors to the garden."

Built to exacting standards by Dennis Edwards Homes, all of the bedrooms are equipped with built in wardrobes. A double garage, utility and downstairs cloak are all within the scope of this Eardiston.

Alistair added: "The Tedsmore homes are well worth viewing as they have three significant points in their favour: The development is in a fabulous location benefitting from local village amenities including shops, village hall and dedicated green open spaces with mature trees. Meanwhile Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Chester are all within easy striking distance – with major cities and airports also very commutable. Thirdly, walk into a Dennis Edwards Home and you are aware of the exacting craftsmanship that has gone into the build and the finish, the Eardiston is no exception." Balfours represents the very best in property services for all its clients across the country in a friendly and professional manner, said a spokesman for the selling agents.

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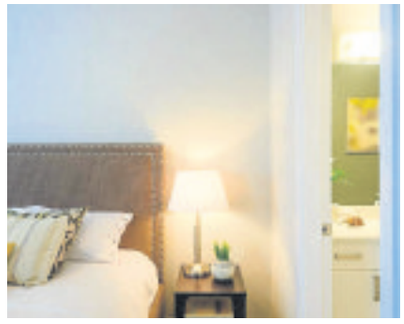

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Clynog, Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant near Oswestry is a stunning Grade II listed farmhouse in an elevated position with outstanding views over the Tanat Valley.

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Property in picturesque village dates back to 1800s

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£285,000 <<<

A semi-detached village cottage located in a popular road, Westbourne House, 11 Top Street, Whittington near Oswestry, is set in a garden plot.

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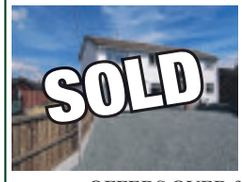

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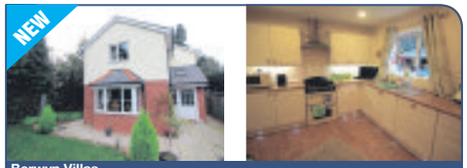

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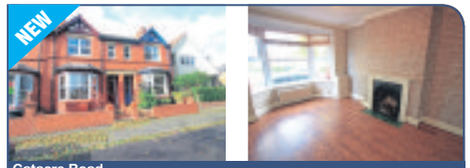

NEW

Gatacre Road
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- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and Utility Room
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NEW

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- A well proportioned 4 Bedroom Detached Home
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- Gas Central Heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating D (64)

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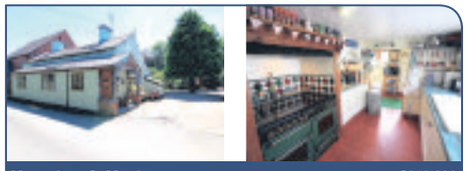

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- Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen/ Breakfast Room & Utility
- 3 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom.
- Excellent plot with mature front and rear gardens
- Driveway and double garage
- Oil central heating and double glazing
- EPC Rating D (60)
- NO CHAIN

Morda Road
Oswestry — **£375,000**

- A substantial Detached 4 Bedroom Family Home
- Within walking distance of the Market Town of Oswestry
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Music Room, Office, Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room, and Dining Room, Master Bedroom with En-suite
- 2nd Bedroom with En-suite, two further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom.
- The property stands on a plot of 1/3 acre with front and rear gardens
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- Driveway and Double garage with workshop.

Bypass Road
Gobowen — **£166,995**

- A deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Pantry, 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
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- EPC Rating E (47). No Chain

Waterfall St
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- 2 Bedroom End Terraced
- Ent Hall, Lounge Dining Rm, Kitchen
- Utility Rm, 2 Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Generous sized terraced garden leading down to river
- Off road parking to the side
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- EPC Rating F. NO CHAIN

School Lane
St Martins — **£150,000**

- A deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalo
- Situated on a good size plot in a popular village location.
- Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Sun Room
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Good size gardens to the front and rear
- Large garage/workshop and driveway providing ample off road parkin
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Hawthorn Grove
Oswestry — **£115,000**

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The property is warmed by oil central heating and has double glazing. The gardens are lawned and shrubbed to the front and rear, with a barbeque and seating area ideal for entertaining.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, a living room, a conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms, one en-suite and a bathroom.

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Traditional Welsh stone farmhouse dates back to 1690

FRONCYSYLLTE
£575,000

A stunning traditional Welsh stone farmhouse, Blaenau Dwr at Froncysyllte dates back in parts to 1690, with records showing it was part of the Chirk Castle Estate from 1695.

It has many original features such as a stone fireplace with oak mantel, a Welsh slate hearth and cast iron wood burning stove, beamed ceilings and wooden flooring. There are 6.5 acres of gardens, paddocks and fields with far reaching views across to Llangollen and the open countryside. In addition to the farmhouse there is a former stone built coach house with planning permission to convert to an annexe or bed and breakfast accommodation. It is for sale through Town & Country at £575,000. Its accommodation briefly comprises a porch, boot room, family room, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, inner hallway, utility/office, landing, three bedrooms and a bathroom. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this property and its

idyllic location. In more detail the entrance/boot room has exposed floorboards and a solid timber door. The family room has exposed floorboards, an open ceiling to the eaves and opens out to the kitchen and lounge. An impressive room, the lounge has stripped floorboards, a beamed ceiling, exposed stone wall and a large stone inglenook with a beam over and a log burner. The dining room is full of character with a window to the front, a door to the porch, stripped flooring, a brick arched inglenook with a log fire inset, beamed ceiling, a built-in cupboard and a wooden staircase leading to the first floor.

The porch has slate flooring. The stunning contemporary kitchen/breakfast room has bi-folding doors opening out to the onto the garden.The inner hallway has a partially converted room off with provision for a wet room.

Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.

Former pub has been upgraded to a spacious family home

MELVERLEY
£480,000 >>>

In a pleasant location, Tontine Inn in Church Lane, Melverley, Oswestry is a former public house that has now been upgraded to become a spacious family home or run as a bed and breakfast.

It is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £480,000. Having oil-fired central heating and double glazing throughout, it features a large sun room, an open plan living/dining room with an impressive fireplace and seven first floor bedrooms all having en-suite bathrooms or shower facilities. The grounds include useful detached stores/workshop or a garage. Access is readily available to the towns of Shrewsbury and Welshpool and the market town of Oswestry. Excellent local facilities include Kinnerley Primary School, Melverley Village Hall and the historic St Peter's Church.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595.

Property near village has a large garage and also a workshop annexe

ST MARTINS
£425,000 <<<

Smithy Cottage, Street Dinas, Overton Road is located approximately one mile from St Martins village.

The property has a guide price of £425,000 and it is on the market through JJ Dell and Co. There is no chain. There is also a large garage and workshop annexe with an extensive parking area. The accommodation includes a covered porch, hall and stairs, a modern fitted kitchen which has a stable door to the rear porch. There is also a utility, living room, four bedrooms and a bathroom.

The property occupies a large plot along a country lane, and is approached over an in and out gravelled driveway providing ample parking for up to six cars with turning area.

There is a garage/workshop/annex and a garage leading to four rooms and a cloakroom.

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Pudsey surprises charity ramblers on funds walk

A FUNDRAISING ramble through the Shropshire countryside had a very special guest – none other than Pudsey Bear.

The bright yellow mascot surprised walkers when he showed up at the Countryfile Ramble for Children In Need in Ruyton-XI-Towns near Oswestry.

More than 100 ramblers took part in the 5.3-mile walk.

Starting in the park in the village the walkers, including many children headed over the Cliffe and Hopton Hill, and then did a loop around Nesscliffe Hill, before retracing their steps back to Ruyton-XI-Towns.

The walkers enjoyed refreshments at the Talbot Inn, where the official Pudsey Bear mascot was waiting to greet them.

Event organiser John Guest was delighted with the turnout.

"Last year we had around 70 people taking part, this year we had 110.

"It's great to see that the numbers have grown and that the weather has been kind to us for the second year running," Mr Guest said.

"We have already raised £520, with a few more donations to come in, which is a fantastic achievement by everyone involved.

"It was lovely to see so many adults, children and dogs join together for such a brilliant day out."

Woman at the centre of knife scare is kept in custody by court for own safety

Report by Simon Stone

A WOMAN who caused a scene on a high street had a large knife and a meat cleaver, a court heard.

Then while on bail Naomi Maybury, 26, produced two knives to frighten a man at Regent Street in Llangollen, near Oswestry.

Maybury, of Maelor Place in Ruabon, near Wrexham, admitted a public order offence, possessing two knives, and damaging a police cell by smearing blood on the walls following the incident.

She also admitted a public order offence, damaging a window, possessing cannabis and possessing two knives following the earlier incident on October 9.

At Flintshire Magistrates' Court at Mold, she was remanded in custody to appear at Mold Crown Court for sentence next month. Magistrates gave among their reasons for remanding her in custody as her own protection and said she needed to be in a place of safety.

Disturbance

Prosecutor Helen Tench told how the police received a report of a disturbance in High Street, Ruabon, and were told that a woman was running around, threatening people and had smashed a window.

She was found hiding in a garden.

The defendant was said to have hurled a rock through a window, and was shouting and ranting, and was in possession of a large knife and a meat cleaver.

At one stage she was said to be attacking a post with a knife.

Interviewed, she told how because of family issues she had smashed up property at her own home in frustration.

The defendant said she purchased some cannabis to try and calm down.

She had been around the pubs looking for her ex-partner and agreed that she threw the rock – but did not intend to break a window.

The defendant agreed she returned home to get two knives but said she had not threatened anyone with them.

She was charged and bailed but on October 15 she was arrested with two knives in Regent Street, Llangollen. A man was holding a stool to protect himself. Police received a report that a landlord had spoken to her in a pub but that she produced the weapons.

Temper

Interviewed, she said that she had lost her temper and got the knives – but intended to frighten rather than injure.

Andy Holliday, defending, said that his client was struggling with various issues.

After she was charged with the first offences she had gone straight to hospital but was told that she was already on the maximum medication and that there was nothing they could do.

He said the defendant felt deeply frustrated and there would be no application for bail.

Hospital trust continues to fail to hit key A&E target

Report by Amy Downward

THE trust in charge of Shropshire's two main hospitals has been named as the sixth worst in the country for A&E waiting times.

Just 78 per cent of patients were seen within four hours in September – way below the national NHS target of 95 per cent, figures show.

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SATH) last hit the 95 per cent target in August 2014.

Debbie Kadum, chief operating officer at SATH has previously said the trust is facing difficulties in meeting the A&E waiting time target, but said staff are focussed on providing the best care possible.

She said the reason for the difficulties is down to a shortage of consultants and middle grade doctors.

She said: "It is no secret that our emergency departments are under pressure. In addition to increasing patient numbers, this is due mainly to an insufficient number of consultants and middle grade doctors in our Emergency Departments (EDs).

"It is for this very reason that we are looking at how we deliver emergency services in the county, through the NHS Future Fit process, to ensure we can provide the best care possible for the people of Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Mid Wales.

"We are working with our partners in health and social care to improve this figure, but our first priority is to ensure that those attending our EDs receive the appropriate care."

However, the data does include a positive and shows that SATH, which runs Royal Shrewsbury and Telford's Princess Royal Hospital, has hit a national patient target for the first time in over a year.

The trust hit the 92 per cent referral to treatment (RTT) target in September – the first time they have achieved this since May 2016.

The target states that hospitals are required to treat 92 per cent of patients within 18 weeks of being referred by their GP.

Performance at SATH in September was 93 per cent which means seven per cent of patients waited longer than 18 weeks between seeing their GP and having treatment at hospital.

Sara Biffen, deputy chief operating officer, said: "Tackling this issue has been one of our top priorities and this milestone is great for our patients and marks a fantastic achievement for our staff."

Avenue of trees will mark special anniversary

Sarah Bennett and Ryan Arrowsmith, learning support assistants, with George Raffle, Becky Jollans and Louis Eckersley-Carr

AN avenue of trees has been springing up this year to mark a college's 90th anniversary.

Derwen College, now an award winning education centre for students with learning disabilities, was set up by Dame Agnes Hunt in Gobowen, near Oswestry.

A dozen trees, one marking each month of the year, are being planted to eventually form an avenue that future students can walk down.

Students from different departments at the college have been involved with the planting and each tree, chosen to represent the month it was planted, has been sponsored by a local organisation or business.

The October tree was sponsored by the Three Parishes Big Local Group which is using lottery funding to help the communities of Gobowen, Weston Rhyn and St Martins.

Louise Keevil, director of corporate and charity services, said: "We are delighted that local groups such as Three Parishes Big Local have become involved with this initiative, helping us to create a lasting legacy from our 90th birthday year."

Residents want to see homes plan altered

RESIDENTS are continuing to push for a reduction in houses on a proposed development near Oswestry.

Chartland Homes originally applied to build 30 homes on land off Artillery Road at Park Hall, an application which was met with anger by residents.

Whittington Parish Council opposed the plans and residents met local councillor Steve Charmley to discuss their concerns about the number of houses and traffic problems the development could cause on Artillery Road, Park Crescent and North Drive.

Chartland has amended the application to 27 homes, added a traffic calming measure and reduced the number of houses accessed on North Drive from 21 to 17.

Project manager for Chartland Homes Andrew Jones said that the scheme won't be reduced further because it is not economically viable.

He said: "We have addressed the concerns but I don't think residents will accept them. The scheme has got to be economically viable and we think it is very attractive. It was 30 and we've reduced that to 27, which we think is a reasonable balance."

However residents are unhappy with the revised plans.

They have argued that many houses in the area are ex-army homes, and the new builds would not be in keeping with the area.

Residents have also argued that a government inspector ruling stated that only a maximum of 23 houses could be built.

Another award for drive company

A COMPANY that exports products to 80 countries around the world has scooped another award.

Invertek Drives was established in 1998, and designs, manufactures and markets a range of compact, easy to use AC variable speed drives which are used to control electric motors.

The company now employs 190 people in Wales and has been successful in recent years, winning two Powys Business of the year awards.

The Welshpool-based firm is now celebrating another award, after beating of five companies to win an export prize at the Made in Wales Awards.

Winners were announced at a Cardiff City Hall dinner hosted by TV and radio presenter Alexis Conran.

Rhydian Welson, sales and marketing director, said: "This year has been a momentous one for Invertek with us celebrating the milestone of selling our one millionth variable frequency drive as well as starting work on our new factory."

Leaders critical of commissioner's fire authority plans

CONSERVATIVE and Labour council leaders have united to condemn the region's police and crime commissioner for his decision to go ahead with a bid to take over the governance of the fire service.

Councillor Peter Nutting, the Conservative leader of Shropshire Council, said he was "very disappointed" that West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion had decided to press ahead with the controversial move. Councillor Shaun Davies, Labour leader of Telford & Wrekin Council, has also called on Mr Campion to focus on the job he was elected to do instead of "grabbing power".

Both councils signed a letter objecting to the plans. Councillor Nutting said: "Personally I am very disappointed in John's actions. We really have tried to avoid a clash but he seems determined to carry on in spite of the fact all the councils in the area he covers are totally opposed to what he wants to do.

"He still believes he can run the service better than anyone else but I do not believe it.

"I actually think all of the council areas provide a good fire service and I am very impressed with Shropshire Fire and Rescue and see no reason to change it one bit."

Councillor Davies said: "We have got the situation where all local authorities are opposed, both fire authorities are opposed, the unions are opposed, this can only come down to John Campion attempting to power grab and empire build. And I think with the pressures and issues he has got as police commissioner he should be focussed on that job." Mr Campion wants to combine his current position with that of commissioner of Shropshire & Wrekin Fire Authority, as well as Hereford & Worcestershire Fire Authority. He has claimed he can save £4 million across the services.

A three-month consultation, with more than 1,300 responses, saw 61 per cent supporting the proposals. Mr Campion said: "I promised I would listen to, and be guided by, our communities and that is what I am doing. If there is credible evidence that a change in governance would cost less, achieve more and has public backing, I cannot just ignore that."

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I'm having a bit of a second wind now

He's one of Britain's most larger than life entertainers. Actor, TV presenter and showman Christopher Biggins has led a unique career on the stage and is one of the nation's best loved panto stars and reality TV show contestants.

He will talk about his career this afternoon when he visits Wolverhampton's Grand Thetare for An Afternoon With.

The show will be presented by BBC Midlands Today's Nick Owen and fans can take their seat a unique opportunity to get up close and personal with Biggins in the beautiful Grade II Listed auditorium.

Christopher is well known for his performances in pantomime, his most famous role is that of Widow Twankey in Aladdin. He last appeared in a Wolverhampton pantomime at the Grand Theatre in 2010.

His theatre roles have included The Baker in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Herod in Jesus Christ Superstar, and 18 months at the London Palladium in the stage adaptation of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

In 2017, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Great British Pantomime Awards.

Christopher was born in Oldham, Lancashire, England and raised in Salisbury, Wiltshire, where he took elocution lessons and participated in local drama groups, leading to a job at the local repertory theatre.

He is best known as a comedy actor, appearing as the regular character Lukewarm in the popular situation comedy Porridge (1974–77) starring Ronnie Barker. Other comedy shows he appeared in include Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (1973) and Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (1973, 1978). In 1976 he played dramatic role as Nero in the BBC dramatisation of I, Claudius by Robert Graves, having been selected for the role partly on the strength of a television commercial in which he had played a Roman emperor presiding over the games.

He also appeared in the BBC's Poldark in 1977. Despite these serious roles, his co-hosting of Surprise, Surprise and hosting children's gameshow On Safari (1982–1985) for TVS led to him being typecast as a "bubbly personality"; when asked in by an interviewer if he resented that, he replied: "No, not a bit of it. I'm perfectly happy being me, thank you, and I happen to know that I am afforded enormous respect from everybody I know. And anyway, I'm having something of a second wind now. I've reached the age where all kinds of roles are opening up to me."

On children's television he had a regular role as supermarket manager Adam Painting in the children's television programme Rentaghost (1978–1983) and also played Reverend Whiting in Southern Television's Brendon Chase, produced in 1980. In the early 1980s he hosted children's gameshow On Safari, a bizarre afternoon game show with a jungle-themed studio set.

Christopher appeared in the Big Finish Productions audio drama The One Doctor, based on the television series Doctor Who. His film roles include The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) and "The Baker" in the 1999 Video Version of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. His theatre roles have included The Baker in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Herod in Jesus Christ Superstar, and in the stage adaptation of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang where he was teamed to great success opposite Louise Gold for 18 months at the London Palladium.

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He was the subject of This Is Your Life in 1999 when he was surprised by Michael Aspel at the Theatre Royal, Brighton. He appeared in The One Doctor, one of Big Finish Productions' audio dramas based on the television series Doctor Who.

He took part in the seventh series of I'm a Celebrity . . . Me Out of Here! in 2007. He was eventually voted the winner of the show on 30 November 2007. He took part in an episode of Celebrity Come Dine With Me, first shown on Channel 4 on 15 February 2009. He won £1,000 for his chosen charity.

In 2009, he played himself as a pantomime director in the BBC Two sitcom, Psychoville.

In 2010, he was a celebrity guest team captain on an episode of What Do Kids Know? along with Rufus Hound, Joe Swash and Sara Cox on Watch while later that year he played God in the BBC adult puppet comedy show Mongrels.

> *I've reached the age where all kinds of roles are opening up to me*

In May 2011, he starred in the second series of Channel 4's Celebrity Five Go To . . . in which the celebrities visited South Africa.

In 2014, he took part in the celebrity cookery programme Celebrity MasterChef on BBC One. In 2014, he took part in a celebrity edition of Catchphrase. He voices It's Not Me, It's You on Channel 5.

On 28 July 2016, Biggins entered the Celebrity Big Brother house to participate in its eighteenth series. He was chosen by the public to take part in the first secret mission. He was removed from the house on Day 9. The show's producers stated that Biggins had made "a number of comments capable of causing great offence to housemates and the viewing public." Forty-four people complained to Ofcom about comments Christopher made, but Ofcom ruled that he was not in breach of broadcasting rules.

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Strictly tour waltzing your way soon

The Strictly Come Dancing Live UK Tour is waltzing back on the road in January for 30 supersized spectacular arena shows across the country.

The 2018 tour will see the welcome return to the Strictly family of reigning Strictly Champion Ore Oduba as this year's host.

He will be joined on stage by the FAB-U-LOUS Strictly Judges Craig Revel Horwood, who directs the live show for the eighth year, and Bruno Tonioli, alongside many of the celebrities and professional dancers from the 15th Strictly Come Dancing BBC One TV series.

Further casting announcements will be made over the coming months, bosses have said.

Host, Ore Oduba said: "Winning Strictly was the most unforgettable experience and a dream come true.

"I'm so thrilled that I get to keep that dream alive and take part in the Strictly live tour once again, this time as host.

"This show and its fans will always hold a special place in my heart so I can't wait to travel the UK again and meet the fantastic audiences that make Strictly the phenomenon we know and love."

Craig Revel Horwood revealed: "I'm delighted to be back directing and judging the 2018 tour.

"I have lots of new surprises up my sleeve – next year is going to be bigger and better than ever before. With Ore as host and a new judging panel too, this tour will be just FAB-U-LOUS!"

Bruno Tonioli added: "I'm delighted to be returning to the Strictly Live shows next year.

"I've missed the huge audiences around the country and I can't wait to be back on tour – it's going to be fantastico!"

The 30 show spectacular will open at Arena Birmingham on January 19 and tickets are now available.

The tour will then visit some of the biggest entertainment venues across the UK.

Peter Pan seats fly as panto draws crowds

Tickets for the winter pantomime taking place at one popular theatre in the region are selling faster than last year – oh, yes they are.

Peter Pan, set to take place at Oakengates Theatre this winter, is already proving popular, with members of the public quickly snapping up their seats.

It's sold more tickets than last year's Sleeping Beauty had by this point.

The show starred veteran comedian Bernie Clifton and Wink Taylor from CITV's The Sooty Show. Russell Griffin, of Telford & Wrekin Council, said: "Ticket sales for Peter Pan are up on last year in comparison with the same time.

"Peter Pan is the most popular pantomime of all time, so we're expecting it to be popular."

Three sets of two young boys have also been picked to play the Darling boys – Wendy's younger brothers. All from Telford, the lads will appear on stage alongside Peter Pan Thomas J Redgrave, of Britain's Got Talent's winning boy band Collabro.

Also joining in the fun will be Jonas Cemm as Captain Hook and Steve Boyce as Mrs Smee.

The show, staged by Shone Productions, also stars comedy actor Adam Kelly as Mr Smee, singer Charlotte Griffiths as Tiger Lily, Georgina Newton as Tinkerbell and Rebecca Seyhan as Wendy.

The cast, including the young Telford lads, are set to start rehearsals on November 29.

Swashbuckling high jinx, plenty of singing and slapstick comedy will be on offer when the pantomime kicks off later this year.

Peter Pan is on from December 6 to 31 at The Place, Oakengates.

Tickets are available from the box office on 01952 382382 or at the placetelford.com

The pantomime cast have a swinging time

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* THE Oswestry School Recital Series continues on Saturday when the London Mozart Players with Joo Yeon Sir perform at Holy Trinity Church in Oswestry.

The performance is in association with Shropshire Music Trust and supported by Orchestras Live.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are available from Oswestry School and Rowanthorn in Oswestry.

* NATURALIST and broadcaster Iolo Williams will be one of the keynote speakers at the annual Mid Wales Tourism and Business Conference in November. The conference, themed 'Marketing the Real Mid Wales: A Shared Vision', will be held at The Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells on Friday, November 10. Sponsored by NFU Mutual and organised by MWT Cymru, an independent organisation that represents around 600 tourism and hospitality businesses across Mid Wales, the event will see the launch of a new marketing campaign focused on the 'Real Mid Wales'. The conference will include a question and answer session with panellists Rob Holt, Visit Wales' deputy director of tourism development and major events, Suzy Davies, AM, chair of National Assembly for Wales' cross-party group on tourism, Adrian Barsby, Wales Tourism Alliance chair and John Mercer, Wales NFU Cymru director.

* SHROPSHIRE Music Trust's new season will delight music lovers and provide the opportunity to enjoy a variety of concerts and events, with performances by acclaimed musicians in some splendid venues. November 'starts with a bang' as the Alec Dankworth Quartet present World Spirit at Shrewsbury's Lion Hotel at 7.30pm on Sunday, November 5. Alec, son of Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, is joined by his daughter Emily, saxophonist Branden Allen and percussionist Paul Clavis as they offer an evening of global song and improvisation as some of the world's top jazz musicians. 'Italian Connections' is the title of the celebrated baroque Avison Ensemble's Sunday afternoon concert on November 12 presenting a programme tracing the huge influence of Italian composers on English musical life in the 17th and 18th centuries. The month concludes with an opportunity on Monday, November 20 to enjoy a lunchtime concert of traditional and new Welsh music on harp and fiddle at Shrewsbury's Lion Hotel by mother and daughter duo 'DnA': Delyth and Angharad Jenkins. December's delight is the legendary Ex Cathedra's iconic 'Christmas by Candlelight' – a popular and entertaining seasonal offering at St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury on Friday, December 1.

Coming soon...

Guitarist Remi back in town

A virtuoso guitarist is returning to Oswestry by popular demand to entertain music lovers.

Back at the Willow Gallery in the town on Saturday, acclaimed Herefordshire guitarist Remi Harris, supported by rhythm guitar and double bass, takes gypsy swing characteristics and infuses them with jazz, blues and other influences.

The organisers of the event say a great programme is promised, with original compositions as well as new arrangements from the likes of Django Reinhardt, Charlie Parker, Wes Montgomery, Jimi Hendrix and Peter Green – plus a few surprises along the way and a chance to meet the musicians.

Renowned both at home and overseas, quick-fingered Remi has performed at Buckingham Palace, the Montreal Jazz Festival, the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall, on BBC4 Television and live on BBC Radio 2 and BBC Radio 3.

Tickets are £12 and £6 for children.

They can be obtained by calling in at the gallery, by calling (01691) 657575 and through the gallery's website at www.willowgalleryoswestry.org.

Tickets will also be available at the door on the night.

The start time is 8pm with doors open at 7pm so early arrivals will have the opportunity to look around the gallery's current exhibition and, if they wish, have a drink at the bar.

Thrills and spills for rally fans

A world-renowned rally is heading back to Powys with the county hosting a number of stages in the penultimate round of this year's FIA World Rally Championship (WRC). The Dayinsure Wales Rally GB returns to Powys with stages taking place near Llanfyllin, Llanidloes and Machynlleth. Reigning world champion Sébastien Ogier currently holds a slender lead in this year's championship and is on the threshold of making history as no driver has ever clocked up five Rally GB victories. The penultimate round of the 2017 WRC will be fought out over 20 Special Stages, covering in excess of 180 miles (300 kilometres). The dramatic high-speed action will come into Powys tomorrow (Friday) morning and starts in familiar Wales Rally GB territory near Llanidloes where there will be double runs the Hafren, Sweet Lamb and Myherin. In between the double run that day, Newtown will play host the regroup for the cars competing in the Wales Rally GB. Broad and Severn Streets in the town centre will be closed to through traffic and reserved exclusively for the rally cars which will start arriving just after 1pm and will provide spectators with a great chance to see the mud-splattered turbocharged machines up close. Then on Saturday, the action returns with double runs at the Dyfi near Machynlleth and the Dyfnant near Llanfyllin. Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Leader of Powys County Council, said: "We are thrilled that the Dayinsure Wales Rally GB is once again bring stages to our county."

Jail event is a real scream

A Midlands prison has been turned into a Scream Park – complete with its own spooky clowns and zombies.

Immersive Events have launched the attraction at Shrewsbury's Dana Prison.

Scream Park runs at the former jail on selected dates throughout October and organisers promise participants the ultimate scare experience.

Bosses at the Grade II listed prison have been running scare events within its grounds for the past two years and this year decided to branch out into something even more terrifying.

Employing a number of actors, Scream Park has a story line which sees members of the public attempt to escape the harsh reality of a post-apocalyptic world to find sanctuary within the prison walls.

Joel Campbell of Immersive Events, said he had been thrilled at the reaction to the event's opening night.

The experience, which lasts four hours, is staged across four acres of the prison grounds and buildings.

October 28

saturday

Match of the Day
10.30pm
Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester United v Tottenham Hotspur and Bournemouth v Chelsea.

Talking Pictures: Harry Potter
8.30pm
Actor Warwick Davis explores the BBC archives to tell the story of how JK Rowling's Harry Potter novels transitioned from the page to the silver screen.

The Jonathan Ross Show
10.20pm
Jonathan welcomes R&B singer Tina Turner, UFC star Conor McGregor, sports presenter Clare Balding and actor Andrew Garfield to the studio. Plus, Plan B performs.

When Harry Met Meghan: A Royal Romance
9pm
Interviews with friends, colleagues and royal experts shed light on the romance between US actress Meghan Markle and Prince Harry.

Conspiracy: Pearl Harbor Cover-Up
8pm
Suggestions of a cover-up in relation to the Japanese attack in December 1941, alleging it was actually masterminded by US president Franklin D Roosevelt.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** Actress Rebecca Front joins Matt Tebbutt in the kitchen, where Marianna Leivaditaki and Peter Gordon will be preparing dishes to sample. The wines are chosen by Susie Barrie.
11.30 **The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food.** Si King and Dave Myers share a few health-conscious recipes, including a wholesome soup, a low-calorie pudding and even a low-fat version of a family favourite – burger and fries. (R)
12.00 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker is joined by Martin Keown and Michael O'Neil to look ahead to the weekend's matches, which include Manchester United v Tottenham Hotspur and Bournemouth v Chelsea.
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Rugby League World Cup.** Tanya Arnold introduces action from the opening round of fixtures, featuring Australia v England, Papua New Guinea v Wales, New Zealand v Samoa and Fiji v USA.
3.00 FILM: **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (2008).** The escaped zoo animals meet their wild counterparts after their plane crashes in Africa. Animated comedy sequel, with the voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock and David Schwimmer.
4.20 **Final Score.** Jason Mohammad is joined by Kevin Kilbane to present a round-up of the classified results and this afternoon's news from the Premier League, EFL and Scotland.
5.30 **BBC News.**
5.40 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
5.45 **Pointless Celebrities.** Kevin Kennedy, Amanda Barrie, Shaun Williamson, Paul Henry, Chris Bisson, Adele Silva, Gemma Merna and Nicole Barber-Lane take part in a soap-themed edition of the quiz show.
6.35 **Strictly Come Dancing.** The contest's traditional Halloween special arrives, and the judges will be asking the 11 couples to deliver suitably spooky performances as they seek to avoid elimination.
8.20 **Casualty.** Dylan realises that doing the right thing for Sanosi might not be the same as doing what comes easiest, and Elle's new beau Marty is introduced to her three sons.
9.10 **Gunpowder.** Catesby returns to London, where he and his co-conspirators convene for the first time. However, the King's spies are closing in, and a bloody clash places the plot in jeopardy.
10.10 **BBC News;** Weather; **National Lottery Update.**
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester United v Tottenham Hotspur.
11.55 **The NFL Show.** Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL world, joined by former players Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell.
12.25 FILM: **Fright Night (2011).** A teenager realises his neighbour is a vampire, and seeks the aid of a Las Vegas magician in slaying him. Comedy horror remake, with Anton Yelchin.
1.05 **(GMT) Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.10 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.15 **How We Won the War.** (R)
6.45 **Animal Park Summer Special.** (R)
7.30 **Naomi's Nightmares of Nature.**
8.00 **Deadly 60.** (R)
8.30 **Show Me What You're Made Of.** (R)
9.00 **Saturday Mash-Up!** With The Vamps, the stars of The Next Step, Camilla Cabello and JoJo Siwa.
11.00 **Nature's Weirdest Events.** Featuring scores of pigs swimming in the Caribbean. (R)
12.00 **Rick Stein's Long Weekends.** The chef samples the cuisine of Vienna. (R)
1.00 **Bargain Hunt.** Two teams test their antiques knowledge. (R)
2.00 **Northern Italy Unpacked.** Andrew Graham-Dixon and Giorgio Locatelli conclude their tour in Piedmont. Last in the series. (R)
3.00 **Flog It!** Uncovering antiques in Lancaster. (R)
4.00 **Mastermind.** Specialist subjects include Porridge and Deep Purple. (R)
4.30 **The Big Family Cooking Showdown.** Zoe Ball and Nadiya Hussain present the last semi-final. (R)
5.30 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don offers ideas for pots that will remain colourful throughout winter. Last in the series. (R)
6.30 **Who Do You Think You Are?** Author JK Rowling investigates her mother's French roots, finding an ancestor who triumphed against the odds, and discovering how war almost transformed her family's identity. (R)
7.30 **Front Row.** Historian Mary Beard visits The Roman Singularity exhibition at Sir John Soane's Museum in London, and David Gilmour speaks about his recent film, before performing in the studio.
8.00 **Dad's Army.** A daring bid to rescue Walker and Godfrey from a stricken pumping station ends with Mainwaring and his whole platoon trapped and facing the prospect of drowning. (R)
8.30 **Talking Pictures: Harry Potter.** Actor Warwick Davis explores the BBC archives to tell the story of how JK Rowling's Harry Potter novels transitioned from the page to the silver screen.
9.00 **Harry Potter: A History of Magic.** Documentary exploring the myths, traditions and everyday artefacts that inspired JK Rowling as she wrote the Harry Potter novels, via a new exhibition at The British Library.
10.00 **QI XL.** Nish Kumar, Holly Walsh and Cariad Lloyd join regular panellist Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig for an unconventional look at multiple organisms.
10.45 **Later – with Jools Holland.** Another chance to catch the weekly the music programme, featuring Stereophonics, Hurray for the Riff Raff, Moses Sumney, Richard Thompson, Hiromi and the White Buffalo.
11.50 FILM: **Flying Blind (2012).** A drone engineer falls in love with a student, only to find the security services suspect him of being involved in terrorism. Drama, with Helen McCrory and Najib Oudghiri.
1.15 FILM: **Untouchable (2011).** Comedy drama, with Francois Cluzet and Omar Sy.
2.05 **(GMT) This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Sooty **6.10** The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Super 4 **7.00** Mission Employable **7.05** Oddbods **7.10** Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors
7.30 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
7.35 **Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Fangbone.** Bill is sad his monster-fighting skills have to remain a secret. (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls.** (R)
8.30 **Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go.** Grandma Tracy sets out to rescue Virgil from a sandstorm.
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children.
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **Saturday Morning with James Martin.** With guests Amy Childs and Sat Bains.
11.25 **Gino's Italian Escape – Islands in the Sun.** Gino D'Acampo explores Sardinia. (R)
11.55 **Save Money: Good Diet.** Sian Williams and Dr Ranj Singh explore the popularity of gut health diets. (R)
12.55 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
1.00 **The X Factor – Judges' Houses.** The Judges' House phase continues. (R)
3.00 **Thunderbirds Are Go.** Grandma Tracy sets out to rescue Virgil from a sandstorm. (R)
3.25 FILM: **Overboard (1987).** Comedy, starring Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell.
5.30 **The Cruise.** The staff compete to win the employee of the month title. (R)
6.00 **Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs.** The comedian meets a German shepherd puppy rejected by its mother at birth, a frisky Jack Russell having trouble using one of his back legs and an old timer that lacks confidence. (R)
6.25 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.35 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.45 **New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates another selection of comical mishaps, including a cat's attack on some birthday cards, and teenager's heavy machinery mistake.
7.15 **Ninja Warrior UK.** New series. Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara return, as more competitors from across the UK aim to conquer the course and scale the heights of Mount Midoriyama.
8.20 **The X Factor Live.** Dermot O'Leary presents the first live studio round, as the contestants hope to retain the favour of judges Simon Cowell, Louis Walsh, Nicole Scherzinger and Sharon Osbourne.
10.20 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** Jonathan welcomes R&B singer Tina Turner, UFC star Conor McGregor, sports presenter Clare Balding and actor Andrew Garfield to the studio. Plus, Plan B performs.
11.25 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.45 FILM: **Airplane! (1980).** A traumatised war veteran must face his fear and land an airliner when the crew are incapacitated by food poisoning. Spoof disaster movie, starring Robert Hays and Leslie Nielsen.
1.25 **Jackpot247.** Interactive gaming.
3.00 **(GMT) The Hungry Sailors.** (R)
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.

Channel 4

6.20 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R)
6.45 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R)
7.10 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray goes to parenting classes. (R)
7.40 **Frasier.** (R)
8.05 **Frasier.** (R)
8.30 **Frasier.** A financial analyst joins the station. (R)
9.05 **The Big Bang Theory.**
9.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon learns of a machine that will help him understand human emotions.
10.00 **The Big Bang Theory.**
10.25 **The Big Bang Theory.**
10.50 **The Simpsons.** Lisa has her fortune told. (R)
11.20 **The Simpsons.** (R)
11.50 **Come Dine with Me.** The first of week of dinner parties from Hastings and Rye, East Sussex. (R)
12.25 **Come Dine with Me.** The second night from Hastings and Rye in East Sussex. (R)
12.55 **Come Dine with Me.** A mature student hosts the third night from Hastings and Rye, East Sussex. (R)
1.25 **Come Dine with Me.** A former pop star hosts the next dinner party from Hastings and Rye. (R)
2.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Beauty therapist Chiara throws an Italian dinner party. (R)
2.30 **A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** Jasmine Harman helps two teachers find a home in Spain. (R)
3.30 **A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** A couple look for a holiday home in Orlando, Florida. (R)
4.30 **Best Laid Plans.** Renovation projects in Buckinghamshire and Surrey.
5.35 **Location, Location, Location.** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer go house-hunting in south Devon. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Egypt's Great Pyramid: The New Evidence.** Documentary shedding light on how a discovery made at the foot of Egypt's Great Pyramid might explain the role ships and water played in the construction of these ancient monuments. (R)
8.00 **Hidden Britain by Drone.** Part two of two. Tony Robinson presents aerial footage of a shipyard where aircraft carriers are built and a shipwreck on the Kent coast that is filled with explosives. (R)
9.00 **When Harry Met Meghan: A Royal Romance.** Interviews with friends, colleagues and royal experts shed light on the romance between US actress Meghan Markle and Prince Harry.
10.00 **Formula 1 Mexican Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.** Steve Jones presents action from the battle for pole position at the 18th round of the season, which took place at Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in Mexico City.
11.40 FILM: **Source Code (2011).** A pilot investigates a bombing by having his mind transferred into a victim for the last eight minutes of his life. Sci-fi thriller, with Jake Gyllenhaal and Michelle Monaghan.
1.10 FILM: **Animal Kingdom (2010).** Crime thriller, starring James Frecheville.
2.05 **(GMT) The Last Leg.** (R)
3.00 **Hollyoaks.**
5.05 **Location, Location, Location.** (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Poppy Cat **6.10** Little Princess **6.25** Wanda and the Alien **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About **6.45** Simon **6.50** Peppa Pig **6.55** Wissper **7.05** Paw Patrol **7.15** Bob the Builder **7.25** FILM: Fireman Sam: Alien Alert! – The Movie **8.45** Noddy: Toyland Detective **9.00** Floogals **9.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.30** Shimmer and Shine **9.40** Peppa Pig
9.45 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Tokka turns up looking for her child Chompy. (R)
10.20 **The Gadget Show.** A special edition from EGX, the UK's biggest gaming event. (R)
11.10 **Police Interceptors.** Dan is given the runaround by an uninsured driver. (R)
12.05 **Police Interceptors.** The hunt for a suspected burglar takes an unexpected turn. (R)
1.10 **The A-Team.** The gang takes on New York racketeers. (R)
2.10 **The A-Team.** The gang encounters crazed mountain men. (R)
3.15 **The A-Team.** A farmer and his daughter face bankruptcy. (R)
4.15 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Agents chase more than £1,700 in unpaid parking fines in south-east London. (R)
5.15 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** The agents have an explosive run-in with a debtor. (R)
6.10 FILM: **Mosquito Squadron (1969).** An RAF pilot preparing for a mission starts to fall for the grieving wife of a friend who went missing in action. Second World War drama, with David McCallum and Suzanne Neve. Edited for language and violence.
7.10 **5 News Update.**
7.15 FILM: **Mosquito Squadron (1969).** Concluded.
8.00 **Conspiracy: Pearl Harbor Cover-Up.** Suggestions of a cover-up in relation to the Japanese attack in December 1941, alleging it was actually masterminded by US president Franklin D Roosevelt. (R)
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Sheffield Wednesday v Barnsley, and Leeds United v Sheffield United.
10.00 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Colin Murray introduces all the goals from Leagues One and Two, including Bury v Doncaster Rovers, Oldham Athletic v Scunthorpe United, and Luton Town v Coventry City.
10.30 FILM: **2012 (2009).** As the human race faces extinction in a global cataclysm, a writer tries to get his family to the last safe refuge. Disaster movie, starring John Cusack and Chiwetel Ejiofor.
1.20 **FIA World Rally Championship Highlights.**
1.50 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
3.10 **(GMT) Paddington Station 24/7.** A train derails in the station. (R)
4.00 **The World's Greatest Bridges.** (R)
4.50 **Great Scientists.** (R)
5.20 **Wildlife SOS.** (R)
5.45 **Chinese Food in Minutes.** (R)

October 29

sunday

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BBC1

6.00 **(GMT) Breakfast.**
7.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester United v Tottenham Hotspur and Bournemouth v Chelsea. (R)
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **Sunday Morning Live.** Topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
11.00 **Sunday Politics West Midlands.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Sarah Smith. Including a regional round-up.
12.15 **Bargain Hunt.** Eric Knowles presents from Ardingly, West Sussex. (R)
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Lucy Alexander, Martin Roberts and Dion Dublin explore properties in Worcestershire, South Croydon and Edgbaston, and follow investors hoping to make cash from their auction buys. (R)
2.15 **Money for Nothing.** Sarah Moore rescues a granite worktop from Altrincham Recycling Centre. (R)
3.00 **Escape to the Country.** A couple search for a home in the North Cornwall countryside. (R)
3.45 **Points of View.** Jeremy Vine presents a selection of viewers' comments.
4.00 **Songs of Praise.** Rev Kate Bottley visits Hereford Cathedral.
4.35 **Eat Well for Less?** Gregg Wallace and Chris Bavin help a family from Surrey lower their food bills. (R)
5.35 **BBC News.**
5.50 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.00 **The Countryfile Ramble for Children in Need.** Matt Baker, John Craven, Anita Rani, Ellie Harrison and Adam Henson report on fundraising walks across the UK and meet children and their families supported by the money raised.
7.15 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the results of the viewers' votes from last night's Halloween special, before two couples compete in a dance-off. With music from Steps.
8.00 **Blue Planet II.** New series. Marine life around the world, from dolphins and tusk fish in a tropical coral reef to walruses struggling to cope with the impact of climate change on the polar north.
9.00 **The Last Post.** The NLF want to make a trade. Alison feels conflicted over her marriage, Yusra smuggles a coded message, and Joe disobeys orders.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Leicester City v Everton at the King Power Stadium.
11.30 **The Women's Football Show.** A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level.
12.05 **City Boy Fight Club.** Documentary about unregulated boxing clubs for financial workers, following two old rivals as they prepare to face each other in the ring once again.
12.25 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
12.30 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.05 **(GMT) Coast.** Neil Oliver explores the Faroe Islands. (R)
6.35 **Great British Garden Revival.** Carol Klein flies the flag for conifers by heading to Derbyshire to create an island installation in a Matlock park, while Tom Hart Dyke champions the cause of pelargoniums. (R)
7.35 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don offers ideas for pots that will remain colourful throughout winter. Last in the series. (R)
8.35 **Countryfile.** John Craven and Margherita Taylor attend a food festival in Cornwall. (R)
9.30 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Matt Tebbutt presents highlights of the series, recalling his favourite moments from previous years in the kitchen.
11.00 **Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking.** Recipes for days when time is at a premium. (R)
11.30 **My Life on a Plate.** With former athlete Colin Jackson. (R)
12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.** Mark Chapman presents football discussion.
1.00 **NFL Live.** Cleveland Browns v Minnesota Vikings (Kick-off 1.30pm). Nat Coombs presents live coverage from Twickenham, where the inter-conference rivals meet in round eight of the season.
5.00 **Rugby League World Cup.** Including highlights of Scotland v Tonga.
6.00 **Britain's Classroom Heroes 2017.** Naga Munchetty and Sean Fletcher present the awards show celebrating the UK's best teachers. With appearances by Jenny Agutter, Heather Stanning and Shirley Ballas.
7.00 **Top Gear.** Chris Harris and Rory Reid take a road trip across Cuba, Matt LeBlanc test drives the Mercedes-AMG GT R, and Ross Noble is this week's Star in a Reasonably Fast Car. (R)
8.00 **Robot Wars.** Six more robots compete in the second heat, with last year's champions returning to face five brand new challengers. Presented by Dara Ó Briain and Angela Scanlon.
9.00 **Louis Theroux: Talking to Anorexia.** The reporter meets patients at two of London's largest eating disorder facilities, following them through a daily routine of scheduled eating, weigh-ins and group therapy.
10.00 **Snowfall.** Teddy travels to Nicaragua in search of Alejandro, and is exposed to the horrors of the conflict sweeping the nation and the conditions the Contras are fighting under.
10.45 **Mock the Week.** James Acaster, Angela Barnes, Kerry Godliman, Nish Kumar and Glenn Moore join host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R)
11.15 FILM: **What We Do in the Shadows (2014).** Premiere. A documentary crew follows a group of vampires sharing a house as they try to get to grips with the modern world. Horror comedy, with Jemaine Clement and Taika Waititi.
12.40 **Sign Zone: Question Time.** (R)
1.40 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** Nina must decide if she can trust Fredrik when he discovers a secret that forces her to question her future with Matteo, and Oliver is haunted by a face from the past. (R)
2.40 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **(GMT) CITV:** (GMT) Sooty **6.10** The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Super 4 **7.00** Mission Employable **7.05** Oddbods **7.10** Thunderbirds Are Go
7.30 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
7.35 **Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** A mystery animal moves in with Bean. (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: Ben 10.** (R)
8.30 **Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo!** Adventures with the Scooby gang. (R)
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children.
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears.** The survivalist visits Nitmiluk National Park. (R)
10.00 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine.
11.00 **Amazing Animal Births.** A shire horse is set to give birth for the ninth time. Last in the series. (R)
11.25 **Bigheads.** The winning contestants from the past five episodes return. Last in the series. (R)
12.25 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.40 **The X Factor Live.** The potential finalists perform in the first of the live shows. (R)
2.30 FILM: **Nanny McPhee (2005).** Period fantasy, starring Emma Thompson.
4.25 **Your Song.** Members of the public receive private performances from their favourite stars. (R)
5.25 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
5.40 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.00 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Ben Shephard presents the celebrity quiz, in which Bob Mortimer, Amy Childs and Alistair Stewart answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine. Last in the series.
7.00 **The X Factor Live.** The results of the viewers' vote are announced, and one of the acts is eliminated from the contest.
9.00 **Ball and Boe: Back Together.** Michael Ball and Alfie Boe perform together in a special concert featuring some of their favourite songs. The duo are joined on stage by Imelda May and Jason Manford.
10.00 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.20 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston and Allegra Stratton. (R)
11.15 **Bear's Mission with Anthony Joshua.** Bear Grylls teaches the boxer some alternative survival skills, taking him to the notorious Commando Ridge in Cornwall, and providing nutrition in the form of a rotted sheep's leg. (R)
12.10 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **Motorsport UK.** Richard John Neil presents action from Silverstone.
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.
5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4

6.00 **(GMT) Kevin Can Wait.** Kevin convinces his friends to invest in his new food truck venture.
6.25 **Kevin Can Wait.** Kevin resolves to spend more quality time with his family.
6.45 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray takes Robert out on the town. (R)
7.10 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** A piano brings back memories. (R)
7.35 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray's golfing form falters. (R)
8.00 **Frasier.** Lilith pays an unexpected visit. (R)
8.25 **Frasier.** Daphne hosts a dinner party. (R)
9.00 **Frasier.** An attractive gym coach catches Frasier's eye. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With guests Scarlett Moffatt, Mark Gatiss, Michaela Strachan and Reggie Yates.
12.30 **The Simpsons.** Three spooky tales from Springfield. (R)
12.55 **The Simpsons.** Bart suspects Ned Flanders of murder. (R)
1.25 FILM: **ParaNorman (2012).** Animated adventure, with the voice of Kodi Smit-McPhee.
3.20 FILM: **Hocus Pocus (1993).** Supernatural Disney comedy, starring Bette Midler.
5.15 **The Great British Bake Off.** Semi-final challenges include choux buns and a meringue sculpture. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Escape.** Five engineers are stranded on a desert island, and must build a vehicle to escape using the wreckage from a tug boat and a small passenger ferry. With Ant Middleton.
8.00 **Great Canal Journeys.** New series. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the Norfolk Broads, discovering the unique way of life that has developed around the network of rivers, fens and marshes.
9.00 **Electric Dreams: Human Is.** An official returns home from another world a changed man, to the delight of his unappreciated wife. But she begins to suspect he has been replaced by a different man.
10.00 **8 Out of 10 Cats.** Irreverent panel show hosted by Jimmy Carr, in which two teams captained by Rob Beckett and Aisling Bea answer questions based on opinion polls. (R)
10.30 **Formula 1 Mexican Grand Prix Highlights.** Steve Jones and David Coulthard present action from the 18th round of the season, which took place at Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in Mexico City.
12.45 **Grand Prix: The Killer Years.** Documentary exploring the dangerous aspects of Formula One racing and the deaths that occurred at Grands Prix during the 1960s and early 70s. (R)
1.45 **The Supervet.** A golden retriever puppy with horrific facial injuries is brought in. (R)
2.40 **The Secret Life of the Zoo.** Four Sumatran orang-utans escape from their quarters. (R)
3.35 **Gillette World Sport.**
4.00 **KOTV Boxing Weekly.**
4.30 **Location, Location, Location.** (R)
5.25 **Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** (R)
5.35 **Countdown.** (R)

Channel 5

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10.05 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** A mutant fox steals a set of magic weapons. (R)
10.40 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Highlights of Sheffield Wednesday v Barnsley. (R)
11.30 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (R)
12.00 **FIA World Rally Championship Live.** Coverage of the Wales Rally GB.
1.30 **The A-Team.** A general and his daughter are kidnapped. (R)
2.30 **The A-Team.** The gang rescues a reluctant bride. (R)
3.30 **The A-Team.** An aeroplane is hijacked. (R)
4.35 **The A-Team.** The gang attends a friend's funeral. (R)
5.35 FILM: **The Man in the Iron Mask (1998).** Swashbuckling adventure, starring Leonardo DiCaprio.
6.35 **5 News Update.**
6.40 FILM: **The Man in the Iron Mask (1998).** Concluded.
8.00 **Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights.** Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman introduce action from the seventh round of matches, including Sale Sharks v Exeter Chiefs and Harlequins v Worcester Warriors.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **When Talent Shows Go Horribly Wrong.** Kate Thornton introduces a countdown of disastrous moments from TV talent shows, featuring first-hand contributions from Pete Waterman, Arlene Phillips and Brenda Edwards.
12.00 FILM: **Seven Pounds (2008).** A man haunted by a tragedy seeks redemption for his past actions by helping seven seemingly unconnected strangers. Drama, with Will Smith, Rosario Dawson and Woody Harrelson.
2.10 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10 **GPs: Behind Closed Doors.** An elderly patient struggling to breathe visits the surgery, and doctors treat a young man suffering from varicose veins so severe that they actually bleed. (R)
4.00 **Cruising with Jane McDonald.** A Lilliputian lope round the Inner Hebrides puts Jane in touch with her Scottish roots, as with just six other passengers she embarks on what is easily her smallest ever cruise. (R)
4.50 **Great Scientists.** The life and legacy of Charles Darwin. (R)
5.20 **Wildlife SOS.** The work of a wildlife sanctuary. (R)
5.45 **Chinese Food in Minutes.** Two barmen learn how to prepare traditional Chinese dishes. (R)

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SsangYong may be on to a winner

By John Griffiths

Pick-ups are among the most popular personal transport in some parts of the world, such as America and Australia, but here it's seen mainly as a working vehicle.

There are some for whom the more adventurous type of outdoor activity makes them a practical proposition, but tax changes by the government limited their earlier popularity here with company car drivers.

Practicality is still the number one reason for buying a pick-up, but if you're a farmer, tradesman or small businessman, you'll appreciate a few home comforts as much as the next man.

Cheaper

That's why SsangYong, currently a small player in this market, may be on to a winner with its new Musso pick-up.

That and the fact that it's considerably cheaper than some of its more well established competitors.

I confess I'm not a fan of big pick-ups: mainly because I don't have a use for one but also because I don't like the lumpy, rolling ride of some of those designed as much for their off-road ability as their manners on hard surfaces.

So I was both surprised and impressed by the Musso, which feels more like a car than a commercial vehicle yet remains thoroughly competent.

For a start it shares much of its mechanicals with the company's new Rexton, a large and refined SUV. That includes the new 2.2 turbo diesel engine with 178Ps of power and 400Nm of torque plus a transfer box with selectable four wheel drive and high and low gear ratios. Maximum torque is available from a low 1,400rpm, which is ideal for both towing and off-road rolls. It's official fuel average is 40mpg, with a CO2 rating of 186g/km.

There are a few extra home comforts

SsangYong may not be the biggest name in the game over here, but it has been specialising in four-wheel drive vehicles for more than 60 years.

It's a competent off-roader, but it can also carry a one-tonne payload while towing a three tonne trailer at the same time. The name Musso is Korean for rhino: seems quite apt for such a vehicle.

That doesn't make it unique, of course, but its on-road manners are exceptional thanks to its use of a multi-link suspension system with coil springs instead of the more traditional leaf spring arrangement for this type of vehicle.

That means an impressively smooth, roll-free ride on the road up to and including motorway speeds, sharper, lighter steering and a much more refined driving experience.

It can carry a one-tonne payload while towing a three tonne trailer at the same time

The interior shows cost-savings, with lots of plain plastic surfaces but on the other hand if it's your weekday workhorse and weekend family transport, it's much easier to wipe clean.

The five-seater cabin is spacious and light, with more room in the rear for passengers than some of the more expensive opposition. SE models also get 'leather-look' seats (the top spec EX gets the real thing) and features such as a colour touchscreen to control the audio, phone systems, automatic wipers and headlights, climate control, heated front seats, roof rails and a rear view camera.

The SE costs from £16,395 excluding VAT, while the flagship EX is £18,395 ex VAT. The latter also comes with the option of automatic transmission for an extra £1,000.

All SsangYongs come with a five year, unlimited mileage warranty.

The Musso comes with an open, 2.04cubic metre load deck with integrated anchor points and a 1,050 payload capacity.

There is, of course, a hard top option.

The Musso has its work cut out to make inroads in the sales of its competitors but apart from its driver comforts it has one of the most powerful engines in class, that long warranty and, of course, that attractice price tag.

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Style changes and new technology

By John Griffiths

Ford's top-selling SUV, the Kuga, has had a makeover with some sharper styling and new technology.

This 2017 Kuga has a new look, an addition (and more economical) engine option, and Ford's new Sync 3 infotainent system with a wide range of vehicle and connectivity functions.

Prices start from £21,895 for the 1.5 Ecoboost turbocharged petrol engine in popular Zetec trim.

Fleet

The new engine is also of 1.5 litres capacity – this time a turbo diesel with 118bhp and 270Nm of torque. Priced from £27,995, it could prove popular with fleet buyers because of its potential 64.2mpg (official figure) and low CO2 emissions of 115g/km.

The test car was in mid-range ST-Line trim – with its sports-themed styling available on a Kuga for the first time – and was powered by the 148bhp, 2.0 litre diesel costing £28,745 in standard form. Only the front wheels were driven – all-wheel drive comes in combination with the more powerful 177bhp version of the same engine.

Painted in shadow black (a £545 extra 'premium' colour) the Kuga had the essentials which have made the SUV market the fastest growing sector: sturdy looks, and a high seating position for easy access and great looks. Inside it seats five in comfort and exudes a quality feel, with quality upholstery and a subtle mix of piano black and chrome trim.

The sports-theming continues with unique alloy wheels, sports seats, black roof rails and sports suspension. The suspension is optimised for dynamic control, making the car feel amongst the most agile of mid-sized SUVs, but it can also feel firm on some surfaces,

There is an eight-inch colour touchscreen

The test car's 2.0 litre, 148bhp turbo diesel hustles the car from a standstill to 62mph in a brisk 10.1 seconds, and based on official figures its average fuel consumption is 60.1mpg and its CO2 rating is 122mpg,

On the outside, this latest Kuga has revamped from end, grille and daytime running lights, with a reshaped tailgate and lamps, but it's in the cabin where the major upgrades have taken place.

More intuitive controls for the dual zone air conditioning and on the steering wheel, plus an electronic parking brake (which automatic releases as you start to drive). The button-operated system frees up more storage space in the centre console.

Other standard features include enhanced parking assist, with sensors front and rear, Ford's semi-autonomous 'self-parking' syste, is an option.

There's a new look for Ford's top-selling SUV

Electric windows, automatic headlights, rain-sensing wipers, adapative cruise control and speed limiter, power folding mirrors and Ford;s excellent Quickclear heated windscreen are also on the ST-Line's standard kit list.

Ford's intelligent protection system, with multi airbags and electronic systems including features such as stability control, an enhanced city brake system and lane departure warning, are also part of the package,

Atop the centre console is an eight-inch colour touchscreen, from which you can control various vehicle functions plus the satnav and audio systems.

It is also the heart of the Sync 3 system, with emergency assistance, USB connectivity, Bluetooth, audible text messaging and voice control. You can also link to, and mirror, your smartphone apps. For parents a handy feature might be the 'MyKey' system which allows them to, for example, programe a key for younger drivers to restrict top speed, or to reduce the maximum audio volume.

While SUV sales generally are rising much faster than any other type of car, the Kuga's unprecedented year on year 50 per cent increase is surely a sign that the revamped car is proving a hit with buyers.

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BMW is pretty impressive all round

By Graham Breeze

You'll simply have to turn away if you don't want to follow me eulogising unapologetically about the brilliance of the BMW G30 520d M Sport because quite frankly I'm going to shout it from the highest hill.

Where did this car come from? Why hasn't BMW been bombarding our screens with tales of its virtues? And why did it take me so long to test a car that has been receiving rave reviews from the country's top motoring gurus?

BMW's trophy cabinet has been bulging with car of the year awards for the 5-Series in 2017 and believe me the 520d M Sport is the benchmark for the rest of the motoring industry. Handing it back at the end of the week-long test was a gut-wrenching experience. I swear I nearly shed a tear.

This seventh-generation model is without doubt a truly outstanding car from every perspective, continnuing the finest traditions of the famous badge with outstanding levels of comfort, driving dynamics and functionality.

The test car came in sparkling white and immediately started to attract attention from those who know a little about cars. Lined up in any automotive beauty parade the 520d M Sport would have taken the prizes – it could turn heads on an empty street.

Standing on 18inch alloys this BMW is certainly a looker with matching body-kit and M badging. It's no different inside either. It's spacious and while perhaps still a little short of Audi quality is right up there with the best in the business.

The centre console is dominated by a 10.5inch touchscreen system which contains every bit of information you will ever need – and then some more. I'm still not convinced that this system is not as distracting as using a mobile phone, time will tell.

Technology has gone completely over the top in today's modern car with every manufacturer battling to come up with the next gimmick. In BMW's case you can twitch your fingers to control the audio system from either front seat. That's one idea too far for me. Let's stick with good old fashioned steering wheel control which means you keep your eyes firmly on the road ahead.

Performance

Significantly lighter, safer, and more fuel efficient the new generation turbo engines provides impressive performance gains, but also show major advances in reducing fuel consumption and emissions.

You get 0-60mph in 7.4seconds and a top speed of 144mph through an eight speed automatic gearbox which produces 114 g/km of emissions while averaging 60mpg.

There's an extensive suite of driver assistance technologies including BMW Lane Keeping Assistant and Lane Change Assistant meaning that not only does the new BMW 5 Series Saloon reduce the driver's workload it also takes a notable step towards fully autonomous driving.

Other technologies include, Remote Control Parking and the optional Parking Assistant and Parking Assistant Plus packages, which enable automated parking in both parallel parking spaces or angled spaces.

Surround View and Remote 3D View offer peace of mind to anyone who frequently finds themselves manoeuvring in awkward traffic situations and the optional Display Key offers a host of other functions.

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The key is a step too far for me though. Some might like to control the heater from the comfort of their morning breakfast table but it's a cumbersome mini-computer and I'm already lugging two mobile phones and a lap top everywhere I go.

The latest generation of BMW's Professional Navigation system boasts a fast start-up, even faster route calculation and more realistic 3D graphics in cities. BMW is now the first carmaker to offer Microsoft Office 365 users a secure server connection for exchanging and editing emails, calendar entries and contact details thanks to the car's built-in Microsoft Exchange function.

There's a price to pay of course and the G30 520d isn't cheap. The test car started at £38,920 and topped out at £48,495 when you added the extras which included heads-up display, BMW Gesture Control, WiFi hot spot, comfort packaging, electric glass sunroof, split folding rear seats and lots more.

The seventh generation BMW 520 has it all and if you've got the money it's a no brainer.

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How they stand

Bishop's Castle Football Club under-nines football team have been given some warm hoodies by local businessman Rowan Horrocks. "They have arrived just in time for the cold weather," said Dan Dawson, who started coaching the team in September. "We train on a Thursday evening on the Astroturf pitch at SpArC, so the hoodies will be very useful. On behalf of the team I would all would like to thank Rowan Horrocks for his generosity in sponsoring the boys and girls."
■ Pictured with the under-nines are Rowan Horrocks and Dan Dawson

Welsh Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
The New Saints	10	7	2	1	26	9	23
Cardiff Metro Uni	10	7	1	2	17	7	22
Conn Quay Nom	10	6	2	2	15	7	20
Bangor City	10	6	-	4	17	15	18
Cefn Druids	10	4	4	2	13	12	16
Llandudno FC	10	4	2	4	13	10	14
Bala Town FC	10	4	1	5	11	15	13
Prestatyn Town	10	3	3	4	14	21	12
Barry Tn Utd FC	10	3	2	5	8	10	11
Newtown	10	2	3	5	10	13	9
Aberystwyth Tn	10	1	3	6	8	19	6
Ca'then Tn AFC	10	1	1	8	10	24	4

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
A'bus Broughton	10	8	0	2	27	12	24
Caernarfon Tn	10	7	2	1	38	11	23
Holywell Town	10	5	4	1	29	20	19
Denbigh Town	9	6	0	3	22	19	18
Guilsfield	9	4	3	2	15	13	15
H'head Hotspur	8	4	2	2	15	10	14
Porthmadog	9	4	1	4	22	17	13
Ruthin Town	10	4	1	5	23	19	13
Rhyl	9	2	5	2	18	14	11
Penrhyncoch	9	3	2	4	15	16	11
Flint Town United	9	3	2	4	14	15	11
Gresford Athletic	9	3	2	4	15	20	11
Caersws	9	2	1	6	14	28	7
FC Queens Park	10	1	2	7	13	38	5
Llandudno Junc	10	0	1	9	13	41	1

Spar Mid Wales League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Welshpool	10	7	2	1	34	13	23
Llanrhaeadr	9	7	0	2	31	9	21
Llanidloes Town	9	7	0	2	21	14	21
Radnor Valley	10	5	1	4	26	22	16
Llanfair United	11	5	1	5	25	24	16
Tywyn Bryncrug	9	5	1	3	21	20	16
Bow Street	8	4	2	2	17	10	14
Knighton Town	9	4	1	4	25	17	13
Carno	9	3	3	3	17	17	12
Berriew	8	3	2	3	19	19	11
Kerry	8	3	2	3	21	24	11
Churchstoke	9	3	1	5	16	26	10
L'drindod Wells	10	3	0	7	15	20	9
Aberaeron	7	2	0	5	12	15	6
Borth Utd	9	2	0	7	7	28	6
Machynlleth	9	1	0	8	11	40	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Builth Wells	8	7	1	0	23	4	22
Presteigne St And	9	5	1	3	18	20	16
Llansantffraid	6	4	2	0	22	9	14
N'bridge-on-Wye	9	4	1	4	23	20	13
Hay St Marys	9	3	2	4	15	14	11
Dyffryn Banw	7	3	1	3	15	15	10
Brecon Northcote	7	3	1	3	15	16	10
Abermule	6	3	1	2	13	15	10
Aberystwyth Uni	7	3	0	4	22	12	9
Dolgellau	5	3	0	2	11	9	9
Talgarth Town	8	2	1	5	13	16	7
Montgomery Tn	6	1	3	2	12	15	6
Penybont Utd	9	0	0	9	7	44	0

Shropshire Premier League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
O'gates Ath FC	7	6	1	0	23	11	19
Prees FC	6	5	0	1	21	13	15
Newport Tn Res	7	4	1	2	27	13	13
Shrewsbury Jnr	6	4	0	2	17	15	12
Clee Hill United	6	3	0	3	25	14	9
O'gates Rgrs Yth	7	3	0	4	23	22	9
Madeley Spts FC	7	3	0	4	11	13	9
Shifnal United 97	5	1	0	4	7	18	3
Gobowen Celt FC	5	0	2	3	13	27	2
Craven ArmsTFC	6	0	0	6	5	26	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St Martins Vill FC	7	5	1	1	25	8	16
Coven United	7	5	1	1	26	11	16
Stoke Heath	7	4	1	2	39	21	13
Madeley Sp Res	5	4	0	1	15	10	12
Claverley FC	5	3	0	2	13	18	9
W'dine W Jrs FC	7	2	1	4	21	19	7
Brown Clee FC	4	1	1	2	11	11	4
Albrighton FC	7	1	1	5	13	21	4
Denso FC	7	0	0	7	7	51	0

J T Highes Montgomeryshire Amateur League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Guilsfield Res	8	5	2	1	25	16	17
Bishops Castle	7	5	1	1	25	11	16
Waterloo Rovers	10	4	2	4	21	14	14
Four Crosses	8	4	2	2	20	13	14
Llanfair Uid Res	8	4	0	4	22	19	12
Trewern	6	3	1	2	16	15	10
Meifod	8	3	1	4	13	13	10
Llanymynech	8	3	1	4	13	24	10
Maesyrhandir	7	2	1	4	16	20	7
Caersws Res	5	2	0	3	9	24	6
Llanfyllin Town	7	0	1	6	7	18	1
Morda United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Forden United	10	10	0	0	54	12	30
Llangedwyn	10	9	0	1	48	16	27
Abermule Res	8	5	1	2	27	17	16
Trefonen	6	4	0	2	12	7	12
Kerry Reserves	7	3	1	3	20	26	10
C'stoke Res	9	2	3	4	21	26	9
Llanrhaeadr Res	6	2	0	4	23	31	6
Newtown Wand	4	1	1	2	7	12	4
W'pool Tn Res	6	1	1	4	9	20	4
Carno Reserves	7	1	0	6	13	19	3
Llanfyllin Tn Res	5	0	1	4	4	31	1
Llanfechain	6	0	0	6	8	29	0

Greenhous Shrewsbury & District Sunday Football League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Instones United	5	5	0	0	30	10	15
Compasses	7	3	2	2	17	17	11
Beacon	5	3	1	1	16	8	10
Cruckton Rovers	4	3	0	1	15	12	9
Telegraph	8	2	3	3	23	26	9
Loppington	6	3	0	3	12	17	9
Radbrook	5	2	2	1	11	9	8
Kinnerley	6	2	0	4	14	16	6
The Gates	8	1	2	5	16	28	5
Coton Rovers	6	0	2	4	14	25	2

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Snailbeach	4	4	0	0	29	3	12
White Lion	7	4	0	3	18	27	12
Bomere Heath	6	3	2	1	21	10	11
Norbury	5	3	1	1	18	6	10
Harlescott Rgrs	6	2	1	3	14	10	7
Red Barne	6	2	1	3	15	12	7
Unison	5	2	1	2	11	15	7
S.A.H.A.	7	2	1	4	14	22	7
AFC Fountain	6	0	1	5	9	44	1

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Beeches	7	6	1	0	32	15	19
Bull in Barne	8	5	1	2	19	17	16
Dudleston Heath	5	4	0	1	29	13	12
Heath Farm Rgrs	7	4	0	3	20	26	12
Charles Darwin	5	3	0	2	18	14	9
Dun Cow	6	2	2	2	22	20	8
Onslow	6	2	0	4	17	16	6
Brockton Rovers	7	1	1	5	17	31	4
Wheatsheaf	7	1	1	5	15	29	4
Minsterley Rgrs	6	1	0	5	14	22	3

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dorrington	7	6	1	0	20	7	19
Craven Arms	6	6	0	0	25	8	18
Boca Seniors	6	4	2	0	27	7	14
Crown Ab F'gate	7	4	1	2	28	14	13
Dolphin AFC	8	2	3	3	24	26	9
Rock Rovers	5	2	1	2	12	13	7
Old Post O Wem	5	2	1	2	11	12	7
Compasses B H	5	1	1	3	12	12	4
Unicorn	5	1	0	4	7	23	3
Dun Cow Youth	7	0	0	7	10	25	0
Coracle United	5	0	0	5	3	32	0

Telford Sunday Football League

Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'horse Ath FC	5	5	0	0	20	8	15
Dawley F.C.	5	4	1	0	24	11	13
Celtic Spart FC	6	3	1	2	22	12	10
Shifnal North End	7	3	1	3	26	27	10
The Talbot F.C.	5	2	2	1	14	8	8
Riverside	6	2	1	3	12	19	7
Travellers Joy FC	7	2	1	4	15	24	7
Joiners Arms FC	5	1	1	3	12	19	4
Cap Webb FC	6	0	0	6	7	24	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
AFC Broseley	6	5	0	1	36	4	15
W'dine W Wand	6	5	0	1	25	7	15
Telford Rgrs FC	7	4	2	1	22	14	14
St Georges FC	5	3	1	1	14	11	10
B H Dawley B V	6	3	0	3	12	18	9
Britannia F.C.	6	1	2	3	11	26	5
Black Horse F.C.	5	1	1	3	9	20	4
Cwn FC Dawley	7	1	0	6	9	20	3
K A M Drayton	6	1	0	5	6	24	3

Sky Bet League One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shrewsbury Tn	15	11	4	0	24	9	37
Wigan Athletic	15	11	2	2	29	9	35
Bradford City	15	8	3	4	24	18	27
Charlton Athletic	14	8	3	3	22	16	27
Rotherham Utd	15	8	1	6	28	19	25
Blackburn Rrs	13	7	2	4	19	10	23
Oxford United	15	6	5	4	26	18	23
Scunthorpe Utd	15	6	5	4	15	11	23
Blackpool	14	6	4	4	20	18	22
P'borough Utd	14	6	3	5	24	21	21
Fleetwood Town	14	6	3	5	23	23	21
Portsmouth	15	6	2	7	19	19	20
Southend United	15	5	5	5	19	26	20
Walsall	15	4	7	4	21	23	19
M Keynes Dons	15	5	4	6	17	22	19
Bristol Rovers	15	6	0	9	23	29	18
Rochdale	15	3	7	5	15	18	16
Doncaster Rrs	15	4	3	8	17	20	15
AFC Wimbledon	15	4	3	8	9	16	15
Oldham Athletic	14	4	3	7	23	31	15
Bury	14	3	3	8	16	21	12
Northampton Tn	15	3	3	9	12	26	12
Gillingham	15	2	5	8	9	19	11
Plymouth Argyle	15	2	4	9	11	23	10

Vanarama National

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Macclesfield Tn	16	10	2	4	18	15	32
Dover Athletic	16	8	5	3	21	11	29
Wrexham	16	8	5	3	14	8	29
Woking	16	9	1	6	23	21	28
Sutton United	16	8	4	4	22	20	28
Bromley	16	8	3	5	24	17	27
Aldershot Town	16	7	5	4	26	18	26
Boreham Wood	16	7	4	5	25	19	25
Dag & R'bridge	16	6	6	4	27	20	24
Ebbsfleet United	16	5	9	2	24	19	24
FC Halifax Town	16	6	6	4	17	15	24
Maidenhead Utd	16	6	5	5	24	22	23
Maidstone Utd	15	6	5	4	20	18	23
Hartlepool Utd	16	6	5	5	16	16	23
Tranmere Rrs	16	5	5	6	12	12	20
Eastleigh	15	4	7	4	17	16	19
Gateshead	16	4	6	6	19	18	18
Leyton Orient	16	5	3	8	21	27	18
AFC Fylde	15	3	7	5	22	25	16
Barrow	16	2	7	7	18	21	13
Guiseley	16	2	7	7	14	28	13
Chester	15	2	6	7	13	23	12
Torquay United	16	1	5	10	16	29	8
Solihull Moors	16	2	2	12	16	31	8

Vanarama National North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Harrogate Town	14	10	3	1	39	15	33
Salford City	14	10	2	2	25	12	32
Blyth Spartans	15	9	0	6	38	28	27
Brackley Town	14	7	5	2	23	11	26
Spennymoor Tn	15	7	4	4	30	22	25
Chorley	14	7	3	4	17	13	24
Curzon Ashton	16	6	5	5	22	26	23
York City	15	6	4	5	25	20	22
Stockport Count	15	6	3	6	28	21	21
Darlington	16	5	6	5	21	19	21
AFC Telford Utd	14	7	0	7	21	24	21
Alfreton Town	14	6	2	6	24	22	20
Tamworth	14	6	2	6	22	22	20
K'nster Harrier	14	5	4	5	21	21	19
B'ford (Park Ave)	14	5	4	5	18	18	19
Southport	14	5	3	6	19	27	18
Leamington	15	4	4	7	19	28	16
Nuneaton Town	15	4	3	8	21	29	15
G'borough Trin	14	3	3	8	20	29	12
Boston United	14	3	3	8	17	27	12
FC Utd of Man	14	3	2	9	19	28	11
Nrth Ferriby Utd	14	1	3	10	7	34	6

Evo-Stik League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Altrincham	17	10	4	3	36	15	34
Shaw Lane AFC	16	11	1	4	31	17	34
Warrington Tn	17	10	4	3	31	17	34
Farsley Celtic	17	9	3	5	29	28	30
Grantham Town	18	9	2	7	37	20	29
Workington	19	8	5	6	30	21	29
Stourbridge	15	8	3	4	23	17	27
Ashton United	16	8	3	5	30	25	27
Witton Albion	19	8	3	8	27	25	27
Barwell	18	7	4	7	27	24	25
Hednesford Tn	19	7	4	8	23	30	25
Lancaster City	15	6	6	3	25	18	24
Buxton	15	8	0	7	25	19	24
Matlock Town	18	7	3	8	27	27	24
Whitby Town	19	6	5	8	26	32	23
Coalville Town	19	7	2	10	29	36	23
Mickleover Spts	18	6	4	8	25	24	22
Stafford Rgers	15	6	3	6	20	21	21
S'bridge Celtic	18	6	2	10	23	31	20
Marine	19	5	4	10	25	32	19
Halesowen Tn	18	5	3	10	20	35	18
Nantwich Town	15	4	4	7	20	27	16
Rushall Olympic	17	3	4	10	19	37	13
Suttn C'field Tn	17	3	4	10	17	47	13

Evo-Stik League Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Basford United	13	10	3	0	26	11	33
Cleethorpes Tn	13	8	4	1	31	12	28
Frickley Athletic	14	7	2	5	32	22	23
Alvechurch	12	7	2	3	26	18	23
Corby Town	15	7	2	6	28	26	23
Spalding United	14	7	2	5	18	19	23
S'bridge P Steel	14	6	4	4	34	19	22
Leek Town	14	6	3	5	26	13	21
Newcastle Town	14	6	3	5	21	18	21
Stamford	14	5	5	4	19	13	20
Bedworth Utd	14	6	2	6	21	21	20
L'borough Dyno	14	5	4	5	24	29	19
Carlton Town	13	5	2	6	20	14	17
Kidsgrove Ath	13	5	2	6	22	24	17
P'borough Spts	14	4	4	6	23	28	16
Belper Town	13	4	4	5	16	22	16
Chasetown	13	4	4	5	17	24	16
Lincoln United	13	4	3	6	20	34	15
M Drayton Town	14	3	5	6	15	19	14
Sheffield	15	2	5	8	23	36	11
Gresley	15	2	5	8	16	30	11
Romulus	14	2	2	10	16	42	8

Hallmark Security Football League

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Silsden AFC	13	13	0	0	34	9	39
Prestwich Heys	14	10	1	3	43	18	31
L'land REMYCA	11	9	1	1	30	7	28
Alsager Town	12	8	2	2	27	16	26
W'church Alport	11	7	2	2	25	7	23
Sandbach Utd	13	7	1	5	29	19	22
Camm L 1907	14	7	1	6	32	28	22
Stockport Town	13	6	3	4	29	23	21
AFC Blackpool	13	7	0	6	25	27	21
Abbey Hult Utd	14	4	6	4	19	19	18
Carlisle City	13	5	2	6	24	19	17
New Mills	12	5	2	5	23	30	17
Chadderton	13	3	5	5	26	29	14
Cheadle Town	11	4	2	5	17	21	14
Holker Old Boys	13	4	2	7	17	39	14
Atherton LR	12	4	1	7	19	20	13
Bacup Borough	8	3	2	3	10	15	11
St Helens Town	13	3	2	8	16	25	11
FC Oswestry Tn	13	3	0	10	22	33	9
Eccleshall	13	2	3	8	18	37	9
Nelson	11	1	2	8	9	27	5
Daisy Hill	14	1	2	11	14	40	5

Midland Football League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coleshill Town	15	10	2	3	34	22	32
B'grove Sport	13	10	1	2	25	11	31
Sporting Khalsa	13	8	3	2	32	15	27
Worcester City	12	7	3	2	34	15	24
Coventry United	12	6	3	3	30	17	21
Cov'try Sphinx	13	6	3	4	19	20	21
AFC Wulf	12	7	0	5	19	23	21
Shepshed Dyno	12	6	2	4	30	15	20
Stourport Swifts	13	6	2	5	28	30	20
Heanor Town	11	6	1	4	21	19	19
Rugby Town	12	5	3	4	17	11	18
Highgate United	12	5	3	4	19	16	18
Lye Town	12	4	5	3	15	15	17
Westfields	8	4	0	4	18	16	12
Long Eaton Utd	12	3	3	6	18	22	12
Haughmond	11	3	2	6	13	19	11
L'borough Uni	12	3	1	8	12	23	10
Rocester	11	2	2	7	17	31	8
Quorn	12	2	2	8	15	31	8
Sth Norman Ath	12	2	2	8	10	27	8
Shawbury Utd	11	2	1	8	14	22	7
B'mere St Mich	11	1	2	8	12	32	5

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Studley	13	10	2	1	29	13	32
Walsall Wood	11	9	1	1	34	6	28
Hinckley AFC	13	8	2	3	46	24	26
Ilkeston Town	14	7	3	4	30	18	24
Atherstone Town	11	7	2	2	31	17	23
Leicester Road	11	7	2	2	21	12	23
Cov'try Copse	14	7	1	6	21	20	22
Paget Rangers	12	5	3	4	23	19	18
Littleton	12	6	0	6	23	20	18
R Club Warwick	11	5	3	3	20	19	18
Lichfield City	11	4	5	2	26	23	17
Heather St John	10	5	1	4	32	22	16
Heath Hayes	12	4	3	5	34	31	15
Chelmsley Town	12	5	0	7	16	32	15
Bolehall Swifts	13	4	2	7	17	33	14
Uttoxeter Town	15	4	1	10	23	35	13
Stafford Town	13	4	0	9	19	27	12
Brocton	10	3	2	5	19	23	11
Nuneaton Griff	12	3	2	7	12	26	11
Cadbury Athletic	12	2	4	6	18	25	10
Pershore Town	12	3	1	8	19	29	10
Coventry Alvis	14	2	0	12	9	48	6

West Midlands (Regional) League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'Ton Spt Com	12	11	0	1	66	9	33
Ellesmere Rgrs	14	10	1	3	38	20	31
Tividale	12	9	1	2	35	12	28
Bewdley Town	14	8	3	3	36	21	27
Cradley Town	14	8	2	4	27	21	26
W'Ton Casuals	13	8	1	4	52	25	25
B Country Rgrs	16	7	4	5	39	33	25
Wednesfield	14	8	1	5	34	31	25
Malvern Town	12	7	2	3	33	25	23
Hereford Lads C	16	6	1	9	33	42	19
Wellington	11	6	0	5	31	28	18
Bilston Tn Com	14	5	3	6	34	37	18
Smethwick	14	5	2	7	27	30	17
Shifnal Town	12	5	1	6	23	27	16
AFC Bridgnorth	13	5	1	7	22	26	16
Dudley Sports	15	5	1	9	25	39	16
Stone Old Alley	11	3	0	8	18	35	9
Pegasus Juniors	14	2	2	10	18	40	8
Dudley Town	14	2	2	10	18	42	8
Wellington Am	15	0	2	13	10	76	2

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Worcester Raid	11	8	2	1	34	21	26
Team Dudley	11	7	2	2	35	17	23
Old Wulfrunians	11	7	2	2	19	12	23
Darlaston T (74)	10	6	4	0	30	16	22
Newport Town	11	6	3	2	40	16	21
Tipton Town	10	5	2	3	24	20	17
Bromyard Town	10	5	1	4	24	20	16
Bustleholme	11	5	1	5	28	27	16
Wem Town	10	5	1	4	17	16	16
Gornal Athletic	10	4	2	4	24	21	14
Allscott	10	4	1	5	18	17	13
Telford Juniors	12	4	1	7	23	29	13
St Martins	11	4	0	7	22	23	12
Wrens Nest	8	3	0	5	16	18	9
Kington Town	11	2	0	9	16	28	6
Wyrley	10	1	1	8	8	34	4
Willenhall Town	11	1	1	9	11	54	4

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sikh Hunters	11	10	1	0	40	11	31
W'Ton United	10	7	1	2	25	8	22
Bewdley Tn Res	8	6	2	0	32	12	20
Rock Rovers	11	5	4	2	27	25	19
Warstone Wand	8	6	0	2	42	25	18
Wonder Vaults	11	5	2	4	29	22	17
Gornal Colts	9	5	2	2	26	24	17
AFC Bilbrook	11	4	4	3	23	19	16
AFC Broseley	10	2	4	4	13	28	10
Ludlow	10	2	3	5	24	31	9
F C Darlaston	11	2	3	6	16	27	9
Oldbury United	11	2	2	7	18	32	8
AFC Wednesbury	7	1	4	2	11	13	7
M Dray Tn Res	10	1	4	5	10	29	7
Church Stretton	9	2	0	7	19	23	6
AFC B'north Dev	11	0	2	9	12	38	2

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National League 2 North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stourbridge	8	8	0	0	290	133	40
Tynedale	8	7	0	1	238	148	33
Sedgley Park	8	6	0	2	291	217	31
Hinckley	8	6	0	2	276	190	30
Sale	8	5	1	2	214	104	27
South Leicester	8	5	1	2	258	221	27
Leicester Lions	8	3	0	5	204	199	19
Sheffield Tigers	8	4	0	4	178	281	18
Huddersfield	8	3	1	4	205	201	18
Chester	8	4	0	4	153	202	17
Blaydon	8	3	0	5	162	240	15
Luctonians	8	3	0	5	146	216	14
Otley	8	2	1	5	193	257	13
Macclesfield	8	2	0	6	192	211	12
Wharfedale	8	1	0	7	119	219	7
Sheffield	8	0	0	8	155	235	5

Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brum & Solihull	7	7	0	0	342	97	34
Newport (Salop)	7	6	0	1	350	110	31
P'borough Lions	7	6	0	1	238	143	30
Nuneaton	7	4	0	3	231	150	22
Sandbach	7	4	0	3	236	179	22
Derby	7	4	0	3	177	199	21
Doncaster Ph'nix	7	3	0	4	222	202	19
Lichfield	7	3	0	4	150	294	18
Bournville	7	3	0	4	169	220	15
Scunthorpe	7	3	0	4	153	231	15
Bridgnorth	7	2	0	5	174	171	13
Longton	7	2	0	5	133	298	13
Newbold on Avon	7	2	0	5	161	235	12
Old Halesonians	7	0	0	7	99	306	3

Midlands 1 West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bromsgrove	7	7	0	0	249	151	32
Burton	7	6	0	1	322	87	32
Rugby Lions	7	5	1	1	187	127	27
Dudley K'winford	7	5	0	2	225	149	26
Moseley Oak	7	4	1	2	184	123	23
Hereford	7	3	1	3	163	154	18
Stoke on Trent	7	3	2	2	145	177	17
Lutterworth	7	3	0	4	165	218	17
Worcester	7	2	1	4	127	168	13
Stourbridge Lions	7	2	0	5	115	157	10
Melbourne	7	1	2	4	130	163	10
Wolverhampton	7	1	1	5	104	260	9
Camp Hill	7	1	0	6	124	206	8
Sutton Coldfield	7	1	1	5	122	222	7

Midlands 2 West (North)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Whitchurch	5	5	0	0	152	52	23
Crewe & N'wich	5	4	0	1	138	82	19
Veseyans	5	3	1	1	87	80	16
Spartans (Mids)	5	3	0	2	93	84	15
Tamworth	5	3	0	2	101	125	14
Walsall	5	2	1	2	119	124	14
Leek	5	2	1	2	62	100	12
Newcastle (Staff)	5	2	0	3	96	62	10
Ludlow	5	1	1	3	94	137	8
Kidderminster	5	1	0	4	89	119	7
Cleobury M'timer	5	1	0	4	58	108	7
Old Saltleians	5	1	0	4	58	74	6

Midlands 3 West (North)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Burntwood	5	5	0	0	159	67	24
Telford Hornets	5	5	0	0	154	20	22
Cannock	5	4	0	1	164	113	19
Harborne	5	3	0	2	114	111	15
Stafford	5	3	0	2	103	69	14
Handsworth	5	2	0	3	173	178	11
Edwardians	5	2	0	3	101	155	10
Shrewsbury	5	2	0	3	71	96	9
Trentham	5	1	0	4	135	154	7
Willenhall	5	1	0	4	103	135	7
Uttoxeter	5	1	0	4	113	166	7
Barton-U-N'wood	5	1	0	4	80	206	6

Midlands 4 West (North)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wednesbury	5	4	0	1	205	34	20
Rugeley	5	4	0	1	164	83	19
Eccleshall	5	4	0	1	136	62	19
Bloxwich	4	3	0	1	132	49	10
Aston Old Ed	3	2	0	1	54	47	10
Essington	5	2	0	3	88	103	10
Market Drayton	4	2	0	2	71	80	9
Clee Hill	4	2	0	2	51	91	9
Yardley & District	5	1	0	4	33	90	7
Five Way Old Ed	4	0	0	4	49	198	1
Church Stretton	4	0	0	4	12	158	0

Midlands 5 West (North)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bishops C & O V	4	3	0	1	98	73	15
Greyhound	4	3	0	1	107	60	14
St Leonards	4	3	0	1	109	71	14
C'ddesley Corbett	4	2	0	2	126	90	12
Linley	4	2	0	2	102	59	11
Gnosall	4	1	0	3	89	153	7
Stourport	4	1	0	3	69	121	5
Warley	4	1	0	3	62	135	5

Midlands 5 West (South)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Atherstone	4	3	0	1	125	26	14
Aldridge	3	3	0	0	108	40	14
Rugby Welsh	3	2	0	1	70	34	10
Keresley	3	2	0	1	47	64	10
Kings Norton	3	1	0	2	69	55	6
Brum Exiles	4	1	0	3	37	117	4
Trinity Guild	4	0	0	4	29	149	0

Northern Division South Lancs/Cheshire Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Winnington Park	7	7	0	0	250	49	32
Heaton Moor	7	6	0	1	370	77	31
Liverpool C'giate	7	6	0	1	269	66	30
Aspull	7	6	0	1	187	142	27
Oswestry	7	4	0	3	141	125	22
Orrell	7	4	0	3	197	156	21
Dukinfield	7	4	0	3	198	128	18
Didsbury Toc H	7	3	0	4	260	136	18
Marple	7	3	0	4	166	108	16
Wigan	7	2	0	5	103	159	11
Congleton	7	2	0	5	118	211	11
Port Sunlight	7	2	0	5	171	200	10
Oldershaw	7	0	0	7	52	407	1
Vagabonds (IOM)	7	0	0	7	35	553	0

Midland Men's Hockey League

1st Team League

Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Barford Tigers	3	3	0	0	10	5	9
Boots	3	2	1	0	15	9	7
Stone	3	2	1	0	10	5	7
Bridgnorth	3	2	0	1	11	9	6
Warwick Uni	3	1	1	1	7	8	4
Sutton Coldfield	3	1	0	2	10	9	3
Warwick	3	1	0	2	7	7	3
Hampton-in-Ard	3	1	0	2	10	12	3
Edgbaston	3	1	0	2	6	9	3
Northampton St	3	1	0	2	6	10	3
North Stafford	3	0	2	1	8	11	2
Old Halesonians	3	0	1	2	5	11	1

Midlands 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Burton	3	3	0	0	23	3	9
Streetly	3	2	1	0	13	3	7
Stratford	3	2	1	0	12	3	7
Chesterfield	3	2	1	0	7	1	7
Telford & Wrekin	3	1	2	0	10	5	5
Finchfield	3	1	1	1	10	14	4
Cov & N W'wick	3	1	0	2	9	10	3
Sikh U (Notts)	3	1	0	2	7	16	3
Bloxwich	3	0	2	1	6	11	2
Old Silhillians	3	0	1	2	5	11	1
Coalville	3	0	1	2	5	14	1
Nottingham Play	3	0	0	3	1	17	0

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Aldridge & W'sall	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Sikh U (Cov'try)	2	2	0	0	10	3	6
Bromsgrove	3	2	0	1	9	2	6
Ludlow	3	2	0	1	9	8	6
Redditch	2	1	1	0	8	0	4
Berk& Bal Comm	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Solihull B'field	2	1	0	1	7	5	3
Shrewsbury	3	1	0	2	7	12	3
West Bromwich	3	1	0	2	5	18	3
Market Drayton	3	0	1	2	2	7	1
Stafford	3	0	0	3	5	11	0

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wolverhampton	3	3	0	0	11	4	9
Kings Heath Pick	3	2	0	1	15	3	6
Old Wulfrunians	3	2	0	1	9	2	6
Pershore	3	2	0	1	9	9	6
Leamington	3	2	0	1	6	6	6
Newtown	3	1	0	2	6	7	3
Droitwich Spa	3	1	0	2	4	9	3
Beta - WM I	3	2	0	1	9	7	0
Alpha - WM I	3	1	0	2	7	9	0
Wednesbury	3	0	0	3	7	14	0
Yardley	2	0	0	2	0	13	0

2nd Team League

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warwick	3	3	0	0	15	2	9
Old Silhillians	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
Old Halesonians	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Bournville	3	2	0	1	11	7	6
Hampton-in-Ard	3	1	1	1	14	9	4
Finchfield	3	1	1	1	9	9	4
Redditch	3	1	1	1	4	6	4
Stone	3	1	0	2	9	12	3
Bloxwich	3	1	0	2	9	15	3
Telford & Wrekin	2	0	1	1	1	6	1
North Stafford	2	0	0	2	6	11	0
Streetly	3	0	0	3	7	20	0

3rd Team League

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Finchfield	3	2	1	0	10	3	7
Bromsgrove	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
Old Halesonians	3	2	0	1	15	9	6
Bridgnorth	3	2	0	1	9	3	6
Bournville	3	2	0	1	10	6	6
Bloxwich	3	1	1	1	2	4	4
Old Silhillians	3	1	1	1	3	6	4
North Stafford	3	1	1	1	2	5	4
Stratford	3	1	0	2	9	10	3
Stafford	3	1	0	2	4	11	3
Stone	3	0	1	2	1	3	1
Telford & Wrekin	3	0	0	3	3	10	0

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Redditch	3	3	0	0	11	1	9
Streetly	2	2	0	0	10	5	6
Solihull B'field	3	1	2	0	7	4	5
Wolverhampton	3	1	1	1	14	6	4
Aldridge & W'sall	2	1	1	0	7	4	4
West Bromwich	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Kings Heath Pick	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Old Wulfrunians	3	0	2	1	9	11	2
Leamington	3	1	1	1	6	7	1
Market Drayton	3	0	1	2	4	10	1
Blank	0	0	0	0			0
Wednesbury	3	0	0	3	0	18	-3

Central League

North West 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth IV	3	3	0	0	17	3	9
Sutton C'field V	3	2	0	1	10	4	6
Bridgnorth VI	3	2	0	1	8	3	6
Bridgnorth V	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Finchfield IV	3	1	1	1	7	8	4
Old Wulf IV	3	1	1	1	5	10	4
Cannock V	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
North Stafford IV	3	0	2	1	6	7	2
Lichfield VI	3	0	1	2	2	7	1
Lichfield V	2	0	1	1	4	12	1
Shrewsbury IV	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

North West 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stafford IV	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
T'ford & Wrek IV	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Sutton C'field VII	2	2	0	0	10	2	6
Leek V	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
Lichfield VII	3	1	1	1	11	5	4
Finchfield V	3	1	1	1	9	8	4
Stone IV	2	1	0	1	8	8	3
Old Wulf V	3	1	0	2	6	7	3
Old Wulf VI	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
Stafford V	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Stone V	3	0	0	3	1	19	0

Midland Women's Hockey League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Belper I	5	3	2	0	7	0	11
Leamington I XI	5	3	1	1	12	8	10
Beeston II	4	3	0	1	13	5	9
Uni of Brum II	4	2	2	0	8	6	8
North Notts I	5	2	1	2	6	8	7
Harborne I	5	1	3	1	13	10	6
Leicester II	5	1	2	2	8	11	5
Boots I	5	1	1	3	3	12	4
Lichfield 1st XI	5	1	0	4	8	13	3
Northampton St I	5	1	0	4	7	12	3

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uni of Notts I	5	5	0	0	32	2	15
Leek 1st XI	5	4	0	1	8	10	12
L'borough Stu II	5	3	1	1	22	8	10
Uni of Brum III	5	2	2	1	10	9	8
Stourport 2nd XI	5	1	3	1	3	7	6
Edgbaston 1st XI	5	1	2	2	12	11	5
Sutton Coldfield II	5	1	1	3	4	12	4
Cannock II	5	0	3	2	6	9	3
Matlock Bailean I	5	1	0	4	6	16	3
Shrewsbury I	5	0	2	3	5	24	2

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rug & East War I	5	4	0	1	19	6	12
Towcester I	5	4	0	1	12	8	12
Tamworth I	5	4	0	1	15	13	12
Kettering I	5	3	1	1	7	5	10
Ashby I	5	2	0	3	8	10	6
Belper II	5	2	0	3	7	12	6
Solihull B'field I	5	1	2	2	8	8	5
Stone 1st XI	5	1	1	3	10	15	4
Worcester I	5	1	0	4	11	14	3
Olton & W Wars II	5	1	0	4	7	13	3

Feeder West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Telford & Wrekin I	5	5	0	0	23	7	15
Harborne 2nd XI	5	4	1	0	13	4	13
Stratford I	5	2	3	0	9	5	9
Warwick I	4	1	2	1	11	6	5
Lichfield 2nd XI	5	1	1	3	13	15	4
Stafford 1st XI	4	1	0	3	3	9	3
North Staffs HC I	4	1	0	3	1	11	3
Edgbaston 2nd XI	4	0	2	2	4	6	2
Bournville 1s	4	0	1	3	7	21	1

Shropshire Ladies Hockey League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth I	4	4	0	0	30	2	12
Bridgnorth II	4	3	1	0	13	4	10
T'ford & Wrekin II	4	2	1	1	12	11	7
Wem/MD I	4	2	0	2	14	8	6
Montgomery	4	2	0	2	11	9	3
Wem/MD II	4	1	1	2	4	14	1
Ludlow & W'lock	4	0	0	4	0	21	0
Shrewsbury III	4	0	1	3	1	16	-2

Bridgnorth Snooker

	P	W	L	F	A	+-	P
Shifnal B I	7	6	1	28	7	21	34
St John's I	7	6	1	27	8	19	33
Broseley B I	7	6	1	25	10	15	31
Chelmarsh B I	7	5	2	23	12	11	28
Maddocks A II	7	2	5	14	21	-7	16
Highley WMC II	7	3	4	12	23	-11	15
Alveley B I	7	2	5	12	23	-11	14
Alveley C II	6	2	4	11	19	-8	13
Broseley A II	6	2	4	10	20	-10	12
Chelmarsh D II	7	0	7	8	27	-19	8

QC Plastering Bridgnorth 5-A-Side League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Down Inn	5	4	0	1	11	3	12
GTE Transport	5	4	0	1	12	8	12
New Inn	5	3	0	2	12	7	9
Alveley	5	3	0	2	8	8	9
Cressage	5	2	0	3	13	13	6
Pheonix FC	5	2	0	3	10	18	6
AFC Bridgnorth	5	1	0	4	9	15	3
The George	5	1	0	4	5	11	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
The Horse	4	4	0	0	16	5	12
The Tractor Boys	6	3	2	1	12	10	11
Bulldog 2012	7	2	3	2	15	15	9
Assured FC	5	2	1	2	8	8	7
West Gate	6	2	1	3	10	11	7
Black Horse	5	2	0	3	8	7	6
Claverley	6	1	3	2	6	9	6
B/N Corinthians	6	1	2	3	9	12	5
Silverthorne OB	5	1	2	2	6	12	5

Bright Motors Shrewsbury & District Snooker League

Division One

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Stanton A	3	3	0	14	1	14
Wem USC A	3	3	0	13	2	13
Meole Brace A	3	3	0	12	3	12
Harlescott A	3	3	0	12	3	12
Unison A	3	3	0	10	5	10
Preston Brock	3	2	1	9	6	9
Unison D	3	1	2	7	8	7
Beaconsfield B	3	1	2	6	9	6
Beaconsfield A	3	1	2	6	9	6
Unison F	3	1	2	4	11	4
Meole Brace F	3	0	3	4	11	4
Harlescott B	3	0	3	3	12	3
Wem USC C	3	0	3	3	12	3
Bagley C	3	0	3	2	13	2

ABF Carpets Division Two

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Unison B	3	3	0	11	4	11
Harlescott D	3	3	0	10	5	10
Unison E	3	2	1	10	5	10
Harlescott E	3	2	1	9	6	9
Bagley A	2	2	0	7	3	7
Wem USC B	3	1	2	7	8	7
Meole Brace G	2	1	1	6	9	6
Beaconsfield C	3	1	2	6	9	6
Old Shrewsbury A	2	0	2	3	7	3
Harlescott F	3	0	3	3	12	3
Meole Brace E	2	0	2	2	8	2

Arthur Hawkins Newport District Domino League

	P	W	F	A	P
Lion	4	4	22	6	30
Cricket B	4	4	18	10	26
Cricket A	4	3	17	11	23
Legion Aces	4	2	17	11	21
Bowling Club B	4	3	14	14	20
Wheatsheaf Bees	4	2	14	14	18
Bowling Club A	4	0	9	19	9
Three Horseshoes	4	0	9	19	9
Childs Ercall Club	3	1	7	21	9
Wheatsheaf Wasps	3	0	6	22	6

Ron's Gents Hairdressing Shrewsbury & District Domino League

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Boars Head	6	6	0	0	34	14	12
Frankwell CC	6	5	1	0	32	16	11
Telegraph CB	6	4	1	1	28	20	9
Horseshoes	6	4	0	2	25	23	8
Crown A	6	3	1	2	27	21	7
Unison	6	2	2	2	26	22	6
Comp / Reman	6	2	1	3	25	23	5
Cross Foxes B	6	2	1	3	24	24	5
Rock B	6	2	1	3	24	24	5
Belle Vue Tavern	6	2	1	3	19	29	5
Telepost	6	2	1	3	18	30	5
Monk / Belv	6	2	0	4	22	26	4
Rock A	6	1	2	3	22	26	4
Brooklands A	6	2	0	4	19	29	4
Rock C	6	1	1	4	20	28	3
Woodman A	6	1	1	4	19	29	3

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Harlescott SC	6	4	2	0	30	18	10
Telegraph A	6	5	0	1	29	19	10
Plough	6	4	1	1	28	20	9
Woodman B	6	4	0	2	28	20	8
Heathgates B	6	3	2	1	28	20	8
Horseshoes A	6	3	1	2	27	21	7
Old Bell	6	3	1	2	27	21	7
Telegraph B	6	3	1	2	23	25	7
Compasses A	6	2	2	2	28	20	6
Telegraph RO	6	2	2	2	27	21	6
Monkmoor	6	2	1	3	23	25	5
Corbett Uff A	6	1	3	2	21	27	5
Beeches A	6	2	0	4	16	32	4
Harry Hotspur	6	0	3	3	20	28	3
Compasses B	6	0	1	5	17	31	1
Red Lion	6	0	0	6	12	36	0

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rock D	6	5	0	1	32	16	10
Prince of Wales A	6	4	1	1	27	21	9
Beeches	5	4	0	1	29	11	8
Cressage	5	3	2	0	24	16	8
Bagley	6	2	2	2	24	24	6
Bull in the Barn A	6	1	4	1	24	24	6
Bull in Barn B	5	2	2	1	21	19	6
Coach	6	2	1	3	23	25	5
Corbett Uff B	5	2	1	2	20	20	5
Ad Duncan	5	2	1	2	19	21	5
Masonic A	5	2	1	2	18	22	5
Masonic B	5	2	0	3	21	19	4
Compasses BH	6	1	1	4	21	27	3
Steam Wagon	6	1	0	5	18	30	2
Wheatsheaf FW	5	0	0	5	7	33	0

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Crown B	5	5	0	0	31	9	10
Bird	5	4	0	1	25	15	8
Heathgates A	5	2	2	1	23	17	6
Bricklayers Cop	4	2	0	2	17	15	4
Cross Foxes A	5	1	2	2	17	23	4
Prince of Wales B	4	2	0	2	16	16	4
Dolphin	4	2	0	2	15	17	4
Red Lion	4	1	1	2	13	19	3
Inn on the Green	5	1	0	4	15	25	2
Brooklands B	5	0	0	5	11	29	0

Guils must try again after cup tie cancelled

GUILSFIELD must wait before hitting the Cymru Alliance Cup trail after their first round clash at Holyhead Hotspur was postponed due to strong winds on the Anglesey coast.

Gusts of 60mph, which saw the bridge into the island closed to high sided vehicles, gave the Holyhead club little option to call the game off on safety grounds.

But it wasn't a wasted day for the Guils who held a good training session at TNS' Park Hall ground in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, missed chances again proved costly as Caersws bowed out of the Huws Gray Cup at the first hurdle, beaten 3-1 by Gresford Athletic at the Recreation Ground.

Despite taking a 12th minute lead through Rhydian Davies, the Bluebirds were downed by replies from Tom Freeman, Jack Jones on half-time and Mike Latham.

But they could point to opportunities in the second period with Steve Blenkinsop seeing a headed effort and a shot denied by a point blank saves. Luke Sherbon was also foiled from close in while Craig Harris saw a shot tipped round the post.

And they paid the price as Gresford broke to net a third goal through Latham to clinch a place in the second round.

Saturday's Huws Gray Cymru Alliance fixtures (2.30)

Caernarfon Town v Gresford Athletic, Caersws v Holyhead Hotspur, Denbigh Town v Guilsfield, Llandudno Junction v Flint Town United, Penrhyncoch v Ruthin Town, Penrhyncoch v Ruthin Town, Porthmadog v Queens Park, Rhyl v Airbus Broughton.

TNS overcome Town – and conditions

Aberystwyth Town 1 The New Saints 2

THE New Saints produced a gritty display at rainswept Park Avenue, battling back from behind to remain a point clear at the top of the JD Welsh Premier.

After trailing to Declan Walker's close range strike on 15 minutes, top scorer Greg draper scored twice to take his tally to nine in his last five outings.

The visitors had to dig deep in the wind and the rain and manager Scott Ruscoe praised his side's resolve on a testing night as they stretched their unbeaten run to 12 games in all competitions.

"Large amounts of the game were not pretty, the conditions made it difficult, but the main thing was the three points," he said. Buoyed by their first win of the season the week before, a spirited Aberystwyth started brightly. The Seasiders were posing a handful and went ahead on 15 minutes when Walker tapped in after an excellent flowing move.

The Saints struggled to find their usual passing rhythm, but did find the equaliser three minutes before the break. Draper pounced on a loose ball in Aber's penalty area and, after a fine save by Mullock, managed to convert the rebound.

Three minutes into the second period, TNS were in front when winger Mullan went on a weaving run down Aber's right flank before fizzing a low cross into the six-yard box which Draper turned into the net. Left back Chris Marriott, who has not played this season due to a knee injury, made his first senior appearance as a late substitute.

● Adam Roscrow claimed a brace as second-placed Cardiff Met stayed within a point of the high flying Saints with a 2-0 home win over NEWTOWN

The first goal came from the penalty spot in the 37th minute when referee Richard Harrington ruled that Luke Boundford had handled.

Roscrow then headed his second just past the hour mark to take his season's goal tally to six.

● TNS Ladies lost ground in the FA Womens Premier League Midlands division one after slumping 4-0 at Sheffield United Ladies.

Players are padding up to perfect their cricket skills

TALENTED young cricketers from around the county will have the chance to perfect their skills with Shropshire's Emerging Player Programme.

It's part of an exciting partnership between Shropshire County Cricket Club and the Shropshire Cricket Board, with the programme introduced to identify promising up and coming players.

Sponsored by Besblock 14 gifted Shropshire players between the ages of 13 and 18 will receive the opportunity to attend training sessions at the Neville Cardus Indoor Cricket Centre at Shrewsbury School for eight weeks.

Selection for the programme took place following a fortnight of trials under the watchful eye of Karl Krikken, Shropshire's experienced director of cricket.

Trials

He said: "The Emerging Player Programme will supplement the many other good things that are already taking place in the county.

"We held two weeks of trials and now the 14 lads selected will join us each Friday night for eight weeks leading up until Christmas."

Krikken will work with batsmen and work on keeping, while former Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire player AJ Harris will work with seamers and Howard Dytham, former academy director at Derbyshire, will work with the spinners.

Krikken added: "We will also have Ed Ashlin and a number of other Shropshire Cricket Board coaches with us, so it's a great chance for the young cricketers to work on their skills."

Toby Shaw, the chairman of Shropshire CCC said: "There's lots of talent in Shropshire which we wish to nurture."

It's good night on Llanrhaeadr hopes

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

DESPITE a dominant second half, Llanrhaeadr's hopes of progress in the FAW Trophy ended in the third round with a 3-1 exit away at Knighton Town.

The depleted visitors found themselves two goals down inside 17 minutes against their Spar Mid Wales League rivals, before Khyam Wyton hit back.

Hopes were dented when Tom Bailey was sent off five minutes before half-time.

Knighton were also reduced to 10 men on the hour after Sam Weaver was red carded but Llan's fate was sealed by a late Mark Jones free kick.

It was also the end of the road for LLANSANTFFRAID Village who went out 4-1 away to Llanidloes Town at windswept Victoria Avenue.

The Daffs were soon in the ascendancy as George Clarke headed the first division hosts in front before Rhys Evans doubled the lead at the break. A third goal came just after half-time courtesy of Richie Evans. The tie was effectively over once Clarke notched his second.

BERRIEW are tin the last 32 after a 2-0 win at Spar Mid Wales League rivals Radnor Valley thanks to Matt Mumford and Karl Seliaerts.

LLANFAIR United kept their flag flying with a 2-1 third round passage at home to Bow Street with Mark and Paul Griffiths on the scoresheet.

High flying WELSHPOOL Town were frustrated by a waterlogged pitch as their Spar Mid Wales League division one clash with Borth United at Maesydre was postponed. Kerry's trip to Aberaeron was also a casualty of the wet and windy weather in the same division.

Churchstoke hit the goal trail with a 6-3 beating of struggling Machynlleth while Tywyn Bryncrug edged out Llandrindod Wells 2-1.

● High flying Builth Wells are six points clear at the top of division two after their 4-1 home success against lowly Penybont. Montgomery shared a 2-2 draw at home to Hay St Mary's while Newbridge won 3-1 at Talgarth Town

● Presteigne finished 2-2 at home to Brecon Northcote, and two stunning strikes, the second five minutes from time, earned Abermule a 2-1 victory at Aberystwyth University

Earlier in the week, goals from debutant Hugo Laing and Ows Ap Gareth saw the university prevail 2-1 at Hay St Mary's.

● Berriew bowed out of the Montgomeryshire Cup with a 3-2 exit at home to Llanrhaeadr.

Bowled over by floodlit success

Oswestry Bowling League floodlight competition finalists, from left, Johnstown B, Oswestry League treasurer Gwynfor Hughes, and winners again Ceiriog Valley A

CEIRIOG Valley put the icing on the cake of another fine Oswestry League season by winning its final competition.

Having retained the first division championship, Ceiriog Valley kept a firm grip on the floodlight competition prize – despite being held to a draw in the final.

They triumphed at Llangollen RAFA Club, which was the scene of the league's annual presentation evening.

"The Floodlight is the climax to the Oswestry League bowling season and, after three weeks of intense competition in some atrocious weather, the final week served up a treat on a very well kept green at Llangollen RAFA," said organiser Trevor Roberts.

"In the semi-finals Johnstown B managed to overcome a spirited performance from Corwen B to reach the final while holders Ceiriog Valley A had a tough task in getting past Whittington.

"With all four games played at the same time in the final, Johnstown got off to a great start when Steve Jones came off with a terrific 21-8 card.

"For the Valley team division one averages winner Craig Davies and Simon Hayman recorded wins to 16 and 19 respectively to give their last man Steve Potter a target.

"He managed to get off with a win to 15 which tied the aggregate at 71 points each, but the Valley team won the match by virtue of having the most winners, 3-1, and captain Tony Jones received the trophy from League president John Hughes."

The consolation cup final was won by Pentre Broughton A who defeated Criftins in that final.

Other champions honoured were – division two: Cynwyd A; three: Criftins C; four: Ruabon B; five: Pentre Broughton; six: Ponciau Park A.

Reserves go clear at top after victory

GUILSFIELD Reserves moved a point clear at the top of the Montgomeryshire League division one with a 2-1 victory over Four Crosses.

Harry Garthwaite grabbed the decisive goal in the second half.

Despite a reply from Gaz Turner, defending champions Waterloo Rovers succumbed 2-1 at home to Bishop's Castle who move up to second. Cal Whyte scored twice as Llanymynech saw off Llanfair Reserves 2-1.

Results: Division one: Guilsfield Res 2 Four Crosses 1, Llanymynech 2 Llanfair United Res 1, Maesyrhandir 2 Llanfyllin Town 2, Waterloo Rovers 1 Bishop's Castle 2.

Division two: Abermule Res 2 Llangedwyn 3, Trefonen 1 Forden United 3.

WATERLOO Rovers have been drawn away to Trewern in the first round of the Central Wales Cup.

Four Crosses entertain Talgarth and Montgomery host Llansantffraid Village.

Dyffryn Banw are away to Abermule, Llanhedwyn head to Bishop's Castle and Llanymyench have a home tie with Newcastle Emlyn. Forden welcome Padarn United, all November 24 (1.30pm).

Latest results and fixtures

SPAR MID WALES LEAGUE RESULTS

Friday, October 20:
Division 2
Presteigne 2 Brecon Northcote 2
Saturday, October 21:
Division 1
Churchstoke 6 Machynlleth 3; Tywyn 2 Llandrindod Wells 1
Division 2:
Aberystwyth Uni 1 Abermule 2; Builth Wells 4 Penybont 1; Montgomery 2 Hay St Mary's 2; Talgarth 1 Newbridge-on- Wye 3

SPAR MID WALES LEAGUE FIXTURES

Friday October, 27
Division 1:
Knighton v Llanfair Utd (ko 7.45pm)
Division 2:
Presteigne v Dyffryn Banw
Saturday October 28 (ko 2.30pm)
Division 1:
Borth Utd v Aberaeron; Berriew v Machynlleth; Bow Street v Llanrhaeadr; Carno v Churchstoke; Kerry v Llandrindod Wells; Radnor Valley v Tywyn Bryncrug; Welshpool v Llanidloes
Division 2:
Abermule v Builth Wells; Aberystwyth Uni v Brecon Northcote; Hay St Mary's v Dolgellau; Llansantffraid Village v Penybont; Talgarth v Montgomery (ko 1.30pm)
Sunday October 29 (ko 2.30pm)
Division 2:
Newbridge-on- Wye v Aberystwyth Uni

Saints fail to take chances

ST MARTINS slipped further down the West Midlands League division one after suffering a third straight defeat when edged out 3-1 at Gornal Athletic.

With little to choose between the sides, the visitors were left to reflect on failing to take what chances came their way, with their only goal of the game coming through Shawn Melusi.

Now languishing fifth from bottom, St Martins head to third placed Old Wulfrunians on Saturday.

Before then, they welcomed Shropshire rivals Wem in the TJ Vickers Cup on Tuesday night.

League sweeps board at mini-Olympics

Montgomeryshire Airgun League

COMPETITION is very tight, as evidenced by the excellent shooting that was seen on match night. Castle Caereinion held Llanfair Caereinion comfortably, with Richard Morgan shooting another possible (this time a 35.4), *writes Owen Stimpson*.

Guilsfield A succumbed to Ardleen in a hugely tense and hard-fought battle, both teams breaking through the 200-point barrier; the final difference between these two excellent teams was a tiny 0.3 points.

Meanwhile, at the Admiral Rodney, Crew Green A dispatched a struggling Forden with ease, despite a fantastic showing from second-time shooter Shaun O'Connor who scored a hugely credible 33.2. Guilsfield B ran their visitors, Newtown, very close but came up just short, the final score being 198.4 to 199.6. Lastly, Churchstoke's late order proved too much for that of Crew Green B (Churchstoke captain Brian Davies and his opponent Ian Brown scoring excellent possibles along the way) in a hugely enjoyable and sportsmanship-filled encounter.

So, three matches have been shot, and Ardleen, Castle Caerenion, Crew Green A and Churchstoke remain undefeated. How long this will remain the case remains to be seen, as each of these three teams suffered defeats in last season's league. Time will tell, but one thing is for certain – whichever team wins, it will not be by luck but by skilful shooting, iron self-discipline and collectively holding their nerve.

Eight shooters shot possibles (scores of over 35.0): Martin Pearce, Brian Davies and Ian Brown (35.3), Richard Morgan and Aled Evans (35.4), Paul Edwards and Tabbitha Corbett (35.5) and a superlative Andrew Kelton, who recorded a magnificent 35.6.

The Montgomeryshire League was represented at the mini-Olympics shoot in Broseley by 12 shooters who swept the board and brought home a huge variety of silverware, doing a fantastic job in the process of showing off the pool of talent that the league is so lucky to be able to draw on. Hearty congratulations are due to all who represented the league.

Match of the week – This can only be Titanic struggle between Guilsfield A and Ardleen; a humdinger of a match with such a narrow margin of victory.

Shooter of the week was Shaun O'Connor of Forden, who, on his second-ever match recorded the highest score by his team.

Oswestry keep the flag flying

FC Oswestry kept their flag flying in the Macron Cup after overcoming Chadderton 2-1 at Park Hall in the first round (south).

It followed their terrific 4-0 league trouncing of New Mills to climb off the foot of the Hallmark North West Counties League division one a few days before.

After a goalless first half, Jack Harris broke the deadlock two minutes into the second period before Gary Meredith added a second nine minutes from time. Ryan Shelton pulled one back for the visitors in the last minute, but the hosts were not to be denied.

Spirited – but Eagles' wings clipped

DESPITE a spirited display, Oswestry's second string succumbed 27-19 at home to Sandbach III to remain in the lower reaches of the North West League division four (south).

With Storm Brian making conditions tough, it was clear that this would be a forward dominated game, and it proved a good challenge for the home pack that contained four colts.

It took just four minutes for the first try to be scored, with poor communication in the Oswestry back line allowing the visitors through, with the conversion added. The Cheshire men then added a second try for a 12-0 lead.

The Eagles finally started to put some good phases of rugby together, clearing out rucks and breaking the defensive line. After sucking in a number of the Sandbach defence, the ball was played out wide to wing Tomas Booth, who ran half the pitch to get Oswestry's first points, with the try being converted by Paul Curran.

Oswestry had the opposition camped in their own 10 metres for several phases of play, and Scott Smith was quickest to react to a defensive mistake a put his side level before Curran added the extras for a 14-12 interval lead.

After half-time, the Eagles were the more dominant side with captain Tudor Jones and Olly Wilford ever-present in the face of the Sandbach defence. And it was Wilford who forced himself over the line for an unconverted try. Scott Smith was shown a yellow card for late tackle, which the opposition fly half took advantage of to convert the penalty to bring Sandbach closer.

Although down to 14 men, the Oswestry defence remained resilient until another penalty was given away in their their own 22. Sandbach decided to run the ball and were able to get over the line.

The Eagles were stronger for the last quarter, but due to the wet conditions, it was difficult to get the ball wide and around the Sandbach defence.

The Cheshire men secured the win by scoring just a few minutes before the final whistle.

The club wish a speedy recovery to Andrew Evans who injured his ankle and was unable to finish the game. Oswestry host Bowdon Thirds on Saturday.

One four the road! Another away win

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

Oldershaw 8 Oswestry 17

OSWESTRY made it four successive wins on the road, cementing their top five position in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two in the process.

Two tries from Luca Owen-Youens, and one from James Roberts won the day for the Eagles who had to dig deep in testing conditions.

Greeted by the heavy rain and high winds of Storm Brian, the Shropshire visitors found themselves breached early on as Oldershaw's pack powered over for a pushover score, the conversion missed.

Having been caught cold, Oswestry battled to get a foothold in the game. After 15 minutes of hard tackling, Oswestry were starting to make holes in the opposition line with man of the match Marco Bercich launching a number of charges only to be met by a committed defence.

On one such a run, however, he got the ball to Fabrizio Gaitio who in turn fed Nick Clay and finally Owen-Youens who from 15 yards out was unstoppable as he ran in his first try of the afternoon. Fin Grogan stepped up to kick the conversion.

Frustrated

The weather did not relent, but Oswestry kept on going and were starting to dominate play with the elements in their favour only to be frustrated by conceding a string of penalties.

Eagles continued to push with Bercich leading the charge, but when the Italian went over, the celebrations were cut short as the referee contentiously disallowed the try.

After a half-time pep talk, Oswestry were looking to push home their advantage, but Oldershaw –with the wind assistance – edged one point in front with a penalty.

The Eagles looked to hit back but were met by some stubborn defence. The number of penalties against them led to frustration in the Oswestry ranks, with Owen-Youens yellow carded.

With their man advantage, the Merseysiders looked to get their noses in front, but the visitors stood firm with some resilient defence.

Oswestry, however, were not to be denied, and scored a well-worked second try, a brace from Owen-Youens, from a line-out.

The kick was not converted to leave Os 12-8 up. Roberts's marvellous try ended the scoring. .

Cobra keep pressure on leaders

Welshpool's Joe Stranks puts in a tackle to keep Wrexham at bay

COBRA bounced back from a first defeat of the season with a 12-0 home victory over Bangor to keep up the pressure on the leaders in rugby's Welsh League division two (north).

In testing conditions, the Meifod side held sway to ensure they collected the points following their 33-3 loss at Wrexham the previous week that ended their five-match winning run.

Victory saw COBRA consolidate a top three position, and they still have a game in hand on Denbigh who are 10 points ahead.

A howling gale made the going tough at Cae Cobra, with the Llanfair hosts unable to fully capitalise on having the elements in their favour in the first half.

They took an early lead through a try from full-back Richard Jones, converted by Lloyd Mayor at fly half, but were unable to add any more points before the break.

Bangor rallied, holding the ball well, while the hosts were disrupted by the loss of hooker Steve Isaac who picked up a yellow card for an infringement at the ruck.

A seven point lead did not look enough at the turnaround, but COBRA held firm in the second period with their forwards carrying the ball well in the tricky conditions.

Centre Iwan Vaughan also made ground with strong runs, and his man of the match efforts were rewarded with his team's second touchdown.

Bangor battled hard, but could not find a way through the resolute home side as conditions took their toll.

On Saturday, the Llanfair outfit face a tricky test when they entertain Pembrokeshire side Crymych II in the third round of the WRU Bowl,

WELSHPOOL put up a spirited showing before going down 23-6 at home to one of the promotion chasers Wrexham.

In strong wind and steady rain, Pool more than matched their visitors to trail just 8-6 at half-time with two penalties from full-back Matt Roberts.

With the elements in their favour after the break, Wrexham opened up a healthy lead with three

Although a defeat, the performance will give the Maesydre side plenty of positives for Saturday's trip to Bangor.

● COBRA's trip to Bethesda in the second round of the WRU Youth Bowl was postponed due to the weather.

Honours are even and the rot is stopped

THE spoils were shared as Oswestry Tennis Club's third mixed team finished 2-2 at local club Criftins in their penultimate Group 5N fixture of the Shropshire Autumn Mixed Doubles League.

The visitors made the trip with a change to the team's second pair with Rebecca Hollywell being partnered by new member Michael Sclater, making his debut.

In the first round rubber, David Clough and Linda Clark dropped the first set 0-6 but battled back to force a tie-break in the second set before going down 6-7.

Hollywell and Sclater managed to stop the rot with a straight sets win over the opposing second pair 7-6, 6-2 taking the score level going into the reverse rubbers.

Hollywell and Sclater also lost out to the Criftins first pair 2-6, 2-6 but Clough and Clark won in two, 6-2, 6-2 making the overall result a draw with two points each.

After a poor run of results, the fourth team stopped the rot in Group 6N when they finished 2-2 against Hollies who are currently sitting on the bottom of the league.

The first pair of Craig Nurse and Amanda Coxhead got off to a slow start losing their first rubber in straight sets 4-6, 2-6 but the second pair of Jo Dalietos and Craig Southern had a really tough close rubber and managed to come out on top in straight sets 7-5, 7-6.

So it was all-square going into the reverse rubbers. Nurse and Coxhead fared the better winning in straight sets 6-3, 6-1. For Southern and Dalietos all three sets went to tie breaks. They won the first 7-6, but lost out on the other two. But the team came away with a well deserved two points.

Deadline to nominate for award looms

SHROPSHIRE tennis clubs have until the end of the month to register their nominations for the 2017 British Tennis Awards.

The awards are an initiative of the Lawn Tennis Association, Tennis Foundation and 40 county/national associations. Nominations are open for volunteers and coaches who make a difference at a local level. Prizes include a £5,000 facility grant.

The 10 award categories are: Volunteer Award, Young Volunteer Award, Coach Award, Club Award, Community Award, Education Award, Disability Award, Official, Competition and Outstanding Achievement. Nominations can be made at www.lta.org.uk/awards

The deadline for Shropshire entries is October 31, with the county winners to be announced at a celebration dinner at The Shrewsbury Club on Saturday, November 25.

Regional winners will be revealed in April with a national ceremony in the summer.

Dan's the man to top charts

HOT-SHOT Dan Graham is the leading the way in the Spar Mid Wales League division one scoring charts with 10 goals this season.

The Llanrhaeadr ace, currently out injured, is one ahead of both Knighton Town's Connor Bird and Welshpool's Will Thomas.

Kerry marksman Max McLaughlin has eight, with Radnor Valley's Joe Price on seven while Welshpool's Ricky Litchfield has six and Berriew forward Richard Davies – last season's top scorer – is on five.

Llansantffraid forward Nathan Prodger is top of the second division ranks with 10 goals, three ahead of Richie Powell, of Builth Wells.

The latest returns from Shropshire golf clubs

CHURCH STRETTON

Club Championship Final: G Hughes bt J Kelly.

Longmynd Singles Final: J Fenton bt M Robinson.

Longmynd Foursomes Final: J Kelly & G Hughes bt K Davies & S Carter.

October Monthly Stableford Division 1: M Robinson 41pts; I Davies 37pts; M Hall 37pts. Division 2: I Carrington 40pts; S Robinson 38pts; T Williams 35pts.

October Winter Stableford: M Nichols 36pts; S Robinson 36pts; J Rogers 35pts.

Autumn Shotgun: M Robinson, G Hughes 49.5; B Williams & C Watson J Rogers, M James 49.6; C Mansell & T Williams M Redmond, P Simmonds 49.85; C Graham & J Townsend.

Greensomes Stableford: G Hodgkiss & M Wells 46pts; B Williams & M Robinson 44pts; P Carroll & E Van Der Stap 43pts.

September Extra Stableford: T N Davies 35pts; R E Poiner 34pts; M Wells 33pts.

Captain's Day: J Hall 42pts; J Rogers 35pts; T Morris 34pts.

Gerry Bennion Trophy: B Williams 41pts; P Elton 41pts; J Hall 41pts.

Ladies' Wheatley Cup Final: A Van Der Stap bt L Breakell.

Mixed Foursomes Final: C Jones & P Simmonds bt M Sherratt & J Reeve.

Ladies Phillipps Bowl: A Van Der Stap 93-32=61; J Challinor 92-20=70; D Coles 102-29=73.

Seniors' Tarbuck Trophy Final: J Saul bt P Jenkins.

Millenium Pairs Final: JR Beach & KJ Morris bt M Moores & M Green.

October Stableford: J Saul 43pts; Paul Palmer 37pts; Brian Hobden 34pts.

September Wine Stableford: P Perry 38pts; E Capron 35pts; P Taylor 35pts.

September Stableford: D Staton 35pts; J Saul 35pts; A Price 34pts.

Roger Ratcliffe Shield: J R Beach 37pts; D Staton 33pts; K J Morris 31pts.

HAWKSTONE PARK

September Stableford Division 1: Neil France 39pts; Ryan Wainwright 38pts; Geoff Lake 36pts. Division 2: Andrew Hayes-Jones 39pts; Chris John Smith 37pts; Dave Robson 36pts.

Men's October Stableford Division 1: S Lock 40pts; S Harris 37pts; J Walker-Smith 37pts.

Men's October Monthly Medal Division 1: S Tasker net 71; C Stockton net 72; K Salt net 73. Division 2: R Clarke net 69; W Hollinshead net 70; S Rimmer net 71.

Ladies' October Medal: Christine Apperley net 73; Louisa J Goff net 76; Wendy Simpson net 81.

HENLLE PARK

Pink Day - Best Mens Team: Mike Jones and Ian Fort 44pts winning on countback from Reg Collins and Pat Roberts. Best Ladies Team: Teresa Withe and Viv Davies 39pts. Best Mixed Team: Andrew Eaton and Beth Pritchard 39pts.

Seniors' Bowmaker Competition: Alun Edwards 37pts (cb); Andy Patterson 37pts; Roger Harris 37pts.

HILL VALLEY

Daily Mail Foursomes (Emerald): C Ellwood & S Lockett 106-21=85; S Wynn & D Minshall 104-18.5=85.5; B Siertsema & S DeBarro 120-27=93.

Brenda Garside Cup (Emerald) 15 Holes: S Wynn 26pts (20); C Ellwood 24pts (20); G Thomas 22pts (19).

LLANYMYNECH

Ladies' Tex AM/AM Winners: Sheila Powell, Sara Davies, Gwenan Davies and Bev Cadwallader (ocb) 85pts. Runners Up: Paula Worden, Chris Wilkinson, Norma Hughes and Ann Holmes 85pts.

MILE END

October Stableford Division 1: Scott Smith 40pts; Neil Exton 38pts; Paul O'Connor 38pts. Division 2: Ian Beckett 37pts; Ernan MacCabe 35pts; Di Bradbury 35pts. Division 3: Kevin Jones 41pts; Cathal O'Gorman 39pts; Stuart Paterson 37pts. Nearest The Pin: Darren Williams 5ft 4.

Ladies' October Stableford: Amanda Ord 33pts; Barbara Brain 31pts; Janet Bennett 29pts.

Seniors' Schneider Trophy: Roly Penfold +2; Phil Trow +2; Ben Hunter +1.

OSWESTRY

Ladies' Poetic Golf - 18 Hole Competition: Margaret Dunbar, Jane Jones, Pauline Davies 119pts; Brenda Wilson, Setsuko Watanabe – H P, Marie Male 111pts; Julia Taylor, Enid Gill, Susan Evans 104 pts.

Sunday Medal: Judith Elder nett 70; Chris Warburton nett 74.

SHREWSBURY

Ladies' 9 Hole Stableford Competition: Jan Dodd 19pts; Mair Harris 16pts; Alwena Edwards 15pts.

WREKIN

Seniors' Winter Stableford 2 (15 Hole): Les Hayward 34/18; Alan Millington 32/15; John Jervis 31/13.

Under-11s boys are most successful team

LIAM Rawlings and Jack Tinney were the top Oswestry Olympian performers with victories in the second Shropshire Young Athletes League fixture at Oldbury Wells School.

Both won their respective age group races, with Liam a comfortable winner of the under-15 event for the second time this season.

Jack, meanwhile, had played for his football team in the morning before travelling to Bridgnorth to win the under-11 boys race.

The largest Oswestry contingent was at under-11 with Libby Williams, Shannon Wilson, Isla Rothera, Freddie Heasmer-Jones and Alex Siddi all making their club debuts. The biggest overall entry was in the under-11 girls race in which Seren Roberts was the first Oswestrian home.

The most successful team was the under-11 boys who came second, just four points behind Bridgnorth. Jack Tinney set the standard coming in first. Charlie White Jones and Aaron Warburton maintained the momentum in sixth and seventh.

Debutants Freddie Heasmore-Jones and Alex Siddi were undeterred, completing the challenging 1.5km course in a little over eight minutes.

Mia Wyatt was again the leading Oswestry girl in the under-13 girls' race, beating the 10 minute barrier by 17 seconds.

In only her second appearance for the club, Lucy Othen secured a top 30 placing. Massimo Wyatt again led the under-13 boys in 11th.

Anna Rothera was the third member of her family to take on the course, finding the under-15 race just 14 seconds behind Mia Tate to gain a team fifth place. Last meeting's winner, Tom Wilde, kept in the running to be overall under 17 champion for the season with a third place.

The Oswestry Olympians under-11s Boys

Fair play to Rhiewsiders

BERRIEW are the current leaders of the fair play league in the Spar Mid Wales League division one after a disciplined start to the 2017/18 campaign.

The Rhiewsiders are 16 points clear having picked up just two bookings this term, while Welshpool Town are in fifth place.

Llanrhaeadr are well adrift at the foot of the table having already received four red cards.

In the division two fair play league, Llansantffraid Village are going well in third spot with just two cautions, just ahead of Dyffryn Banw in fourth.

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Llanfair have home Trophy game again

LLANFAIR United have landed another home tie in the FA of Wales Trophy after being paired with Corwen at the Mount Field.

The Spar Mid Wales League side renew acquaintance with a side from the Welsh National League whom they defeated 1-0 in the Welsh Cup third round last December. The tie will be played on Saturday, November 18.

Llanfair beat Bow Street 2-1 in the last round. Corwen were 3-0 winners against CPD Llannefydd.

After a 2-0 win over Radnor Valley, BERRIEW also have home advantage against Brymbo, currently unbeaten in Welsh National League division one.

Two other Spar Mid Wales League sides made it through, with Knighton Town visiting Mynydd Isa Spartans and Llanidloes Town at home to Llanrug United of the Lock Stock Welsh Alliance division one. Holders Chirk AAA host local rivals New Brighton.

Guils facing in-form side

GUILSFIELD will be out to cement their top five position in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance when they make a testing trip to in-form Denbigh Town on Saturday (2.30).

Boss Nathan Leonard will be banking on a similar display to the one that saw his charges secure a creditable 2-2 draw against title chasing Caernarfon Town in their last league action.

Defenders Robbie James and Sam Litchfield, who would have been unavailable for the postponed Huws Gray Cup tie at Holyhead Hotspur, are back in contention. Meanwhile, hopes of bringing in a player on loan failed to materialise.

The Guils were left frustrated last weekend at their cup clash at Holyhead was called off due to high winds, so the tie will now be played at a later date.

But it wasn't a wasted day as the villagers were able to have a useful workout on the 3G pitch at Park Hall.

Six-hit ladies find their scoring touch

AFTER a barren run, Oswestry Ladies discovered the scoring touch in the Cheshire Womens Hockey League division two with a welcome 6-4 victory away to basement side Runcorn Ladies.

Since their 4-1 success against Bowdon on the opening day, the team have slipped into the lower regions of the table following four reverses.

But they got back to winning ways as the goals flowed at Runcorn with Sarah Lowe and Deb Jones both netting twice, along with Florence Roberts and Sandra Jones.

Tricky challenge as Cobra chase progress

Ieuan Harris looks to force a way through for Welshpool

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

COBRA will be chasing a place in the fourth round of the WRU Bowl when they host Pembrokeshire side Crymych on Saturday, 2.30pm.

The Meifod side have made smooth progress to this stage with a 30-18 success at home to Powys rivals Llanidloes in the previous round.

They now face a tricky test against their Crymych visitors who are a feeder club for the Llanelli Scarlets.

But the Llanfair outfit will be in good heart after their windswept 12-0 success against Bangor in the Welsh League division two (north).

WELSHPOOL, who put up a spirited showing before going down 23-6 at home to Wrexham, will themselves be heading to Bangor this weekend as they seek a second win of the season.

After their 17-8 victory at lowly Oldershaw, OSWESTRY look to make it five successive wins on the road in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two when they visit mid-table Marple on Saturday.

LEAGUE'S TOP TWO DO BATTLE

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

AFTER their midweek cup success, The New Saints turn their focus back to business in the JD Welsh Premier on Saturday. They tackle surprise package Cardiff Met University at Park Hall (2.30).

The encounter pits together the current top two teams in the league, with Saints one point above the students.

Both sides will be confident after Tuesday night victories took them into the semi-finals of the Nathaniel MG League Cup. Holders TNS overcame Caernarfon Town 2-0, thanks to a Chris Seargeant penalty and Alex Darlington, whie the university won by the same score at Barry Town United.

TNS boss Scott Ruscoe anticipates another closely fought battle as his side look to stretch their unbeaten run to 14 games.

""We've got some good momentum at the moment, and we want to carry it on," he said.

Defenders Blaine Hudson and Steven Saunders remain on the sidelines, along with forward Wes Fletcher. After missing the start of the season with a knee operation, left back Chris Marriott made his first start against Caernarfon Town

TNS' home tie with Queen of the South in the quarter finals of the IRB-BRU Cup will be screened live on S4C on Sunday, November 12 (2.45). That weekend's league clash at Cefn Druids will be played on November 28 (7.45 pm).

Scholes rocks up at Park Hall

Manchester United and England legend Paul Scholes was as interested spectator at FC Oswestry Town's Macron Cup clash with Chadderton at Park Hall. Scholes was watching his son Aaron playing up front for the visitors who lost the match 2-1. He is pictured with match day sponsor Chris Lloyd of TG Electrical contractors. Report – page 38.

Resurgence put to test at table-toppers

FC Oswestry Town will put their revival to the test on Saturday when they head to unbeaten leaders Silsden in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one.

It's a tough challenge for Town against the Yorkshiremen who have not dropped a point in 13 outings this term, but the visitors can take confidence following three successive wins.

"We will be the underdogs, but the way we're playing at the moment, you can't write us off," said joint boss Ryan Butcher.

"We knew we had the players, it was just a case of getting them to gel and start taking the chances, After the week we've had, confidence is now sky high."

After making six changes from the week before, the Oswestry side capped a terrific seven days by sweeping aside basement side Daisy Hill 5-0 at Park Hall, with all the goals coming the second half.

With the Greater Manchester visitors having a player sent off on the half hour, Town turned their chances into goals after the interval.

Joe Newton made the breakthrough four minutes into the second half when launching a strong run from deep before crashing his 25-yard shot into the top corner.

Gary Meredith then doubled the lead 10 minutes later before three goals in the last six minutes through Lewis Jarman (84), Jack Harris (88) and Kevin Garland (90) completed the rout.

It was their second league win in a row, either side of a 2-1 victory against Chadderton in the first round (south) of the Macron Cup.

Although remaining fourth bottom, the Oswestry side are now in range of several sides above them in the table.

But their resurgence will be put to the test on Saturday when they head to Yorkshire to take on table topping Silsden.

Big guns clash in weekend showdown

IT'S a big weekend in the Spar Mid Wales League division one with leaders Welshpool Town facing a showdown with third placed Llanidloes Town at Maesydre on Saturday (2.30).

Pool, with one defeat in 10 league outings, go into the encounter in fine fettle after moving two points clear at the top.

Second placed Llanrhaeadr visit Bow Street as they look to keep up the pressure at the top, while Berriew entertain struggling Machynlleth.

Elsewhere, newcomers Kerry aim to revive their fortunes at home to Llandrindod Wells while Churchstoke travel to Carno.

On Friday night, Llanfair United – who were also in action at Welshpool in the Montgomeryshire Cup in midweek – head to Knighton Town (7.45) as they bid to stay in touch with the pacesetters.

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